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Municipal—Budget.

No. 119. Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Coimbatore, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Coimbatore, 11th December 1874, No. 16 :—

I have the honor to forward the Budget Estimate for the year 1875-76.

2. The estimated receipts for the year are Rupees 29,423, being Rupees 1,819 in excess of last year's receipts as shown below :—

	Estimated Receipts.	Increase over last Year.
	RS.	RS.
Surplus Pound Fund	300	156
House-tax	9,650	250
Tolls	8,000	500
Fees	350	50
Fines	250	90
Endowments	2,258	158
Contributions	1,500	500
Miscellaneous	3,165	265
		1,969
Deduct Decrease		150
Total		1,819

3. The increase under the head of "House-tax" is owing to the increase of new houses.

4. *Tolls.*—The Budget Estimate for the year under report shows an increase of Rupees 500 over that of the preceding years.

The amount actually realized by Tolls in 1874-75 was Rupees 8,210, but Rupees 8,000 more nearly represents their average value.

5. The increase noted in the other minor items call for no special remark.

6. *Expenditure.*—After providing for permanent establishments, and the upkeep of bullocks, carts, lighting, &c., &c., a sum of Rupees 5,704 remains, and this has been set apart for various sanitary improvements, as will be seen in Statement II.-A annexed.

7. Owing to the small sum left for sanitary and other new works, emergent and remunerative, I have addressed the

* No. 14, dated 24th November 1874. Government* on the subject of utilizing the Rupees 10,000 Hospital Endowment, now in the Savings Bank, and which yields us very small interest.

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11th February 1875.*

No. 120. ORDER THEREON, 11th February 1875, No. 289.

The following is an abstract of the Budget Estimates submitted with the above letter, compared with those of the current year :—

RECEIPTS.			CHARGES.		
	1874-75.	1875-76.		1874-75.	1875-76.
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward	...	...	Grant I.		
Assignment by Government	144	300	New Works—		
Rate on Houses, &c.	9,400	9,650	Communications	200	200
Tax on Vehicles, &c.	1,400	1,400	Sanitary and Miscel-		
Registration of Carts	1,300	1,300	laneous	1,000	1,104
Tolls	1,500	8,000	Repairs—		
Fees	350	400	Communications	2,900	2,900
Fines	160	250	Sanitary and Miscel-		
Endowments, &c.	3,300	3,458	laneous	402	1,500
Contributions from Local			Other Items	1,492	712
Funds	1,000	1,500	Grant II.—		
Miscellaneous	3,050	3,165	Results Grants	1,000	1,000
			Other Items	100	100
			Grant III.—		
			Hospitals	3,680	5,010
			Vaccination	190	190
			Registration of Vehicles,		
			&c.	240	240
			Conservancy	8,214	8,426
			Grant IV.—		
			Lighting	1,740	1,800
			Other Miscellaneous Pur-		
			poses	2,970	3,251
			Grant V.—		
			Supervision and Manage-		
			ment	3,080	2,990
			Balance	396	...
Total	27,604	29,423	Total	27,604	29,423

2. The estimated receipts are in excess of those for the current year by Rupees 1,819; the increase being chiefly under House-tax, Tolls, and Contributions from Local Funds. Explanation should have been submitted regarding the latter.

3. The estimated charges do not show any marked variation when compared with those for the current year, except in two instances; *viz.*, "Sanitary and Miscellaneous Repairs" and "Hospitals." The increase under the latter head should have been explained.

4. In Statement I.-A the current charges of the hospital are shown at Rupees 4,510, while in Statement II. they are entered as Rupees 5,010. Discrepancies of the kind should be avoided.

5. Statement II.-A has not been prepared correctly. The column "Amount of Estimate" is not intended to show the estimated outlay during the year but the estimated cost of each project; the last column showing the allotment proposed for the year.

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6. In paragraph 3 of their Order, dated 13th March 1874, No. 432, Government animadverted upon the inadequate provision made for elementary education in the Budget of the current year. The same provision is repeated in the Budget now submitted without any explanation of the reasons which prevent the adoption of the instructions of Government. The President will report upon the point.

7. With reference to paragraph 7 of the President's letter, the Government observe that the proposal to repay the Government loan by borrowing from the Hospital Funds was disallowed in G.O., dated 16th December 1874, No. 2114. The President will report the steps which the Commissioners now intend taking for the purpose.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Coimbatore.
.. Public Works Department.
.. Revenue Department.
.. Board of Revenue.
.. Accountant-General.
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