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Municipal—Budget.

No. 156. Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector and President of the Municipal Commission of Bellary, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Callumady, 5th December 1874, No. 123 :—

I have the honor to submit the estimates for the Gooty Municipality for 1875-76.

2. The covering letter of the Vice-President is enclosed, as also a memorandum explanatory of any variation in the receipts and charges as compared with those of the current year.

3. As directed by the Government, in their order, Financial No. 1651, dated the 30th September 1874, the expenditure has been adapted to the revenue; but I am sorry to say that this has only been done by dispensing with the lighting of the town altogether and abandoning three latrines. This is very much to be regretted, for lighting is one of those institutions which is really appreciated by the people, who, if left to themselves, would far rather abolish the conservancy arrangements than this.

4. Rupees 440 were allotted for lighting purposes in the current year, and, although the Government were pleased to say, in the order quoted above, that an annually recurring grant from Provincial Funds could not be sanctioned, I respectfully submit that the cases of these very poor Municipalities might be an exception to the rule.

5. As it is, when the necessary allotments are made for conservancy, &c., actually nothing is left for any new work. No improvements to the town can ever therefore be effected.

6. A sum of Rupees 250 has been entered under "Medicines and Supplies," Grant III. This sum, being the contribution towards "the Munro Dispensary," should have been shown as such under the same grant.

From C. J. CROSTHWAITE, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Gooty, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary, dated Gooty, 27th November 1874, No. 190.

In accordance with the instructions contained in G. O., No. 1656, dated the 28th of October 1871, I have the honor to forward the Budget-estimates of the Gooty Municipality for the ensuing official year 1875-76.

2. It will be observed that the income estimated to be realised from all sources during the year amounts to Rupees 5,090, and the expenditure has, with much difficulty, been adapted to the revenue, as directed in G. O., No. 1651, dated the 30th of September last, by dispensing with the lighting of the town for the whole year.

3. I have submitted separately a full explanation of every item, both of receipts and charges, as compared with the Budget allotments for the year 1874-75.

4. The abstract statement that should accompany will be sent after the end of this month.

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No. 157. ORDER THEREON, 12th February 1875, No. 305.

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

Below with those 10. 1874-75.

RECEIPTS.		CHARGES.	
	1874-75.	1875-76.	
	RS.	RS.	
Balance brought forward...	10	...	Grant I.
Assignment by Government ...	130	130	New Works—
Rate on houses, &c. ...	850	890	Communications ...
Tax on arts, &c. ...	407	370	Repairs—
Tax on vehicles ...	600	500	Communications ...
Registration of carts ...	250	230	Educational ...
Tolls... ..	2,400	2,400	Sanitary and Miscellaneous
Fines	280	280	Other Items ...
Fees in schools ...	150	70	Grant II.
Endowments, &c. ...	...	...	Municipal Schools...
Contributions from Local Funds	...	...	Results Grants ...
Miscellaneous ...	330	220	Contributions to Local Funds
			for Inspection ...
			Grant III.
			Hospitals ...
			Vaccination ...
			Conservancy ...
			Grant IV.
			Lighting ...
			Watering trees ...
			Grant V.
			Supervision and Management
Total ...	5,407	5,090	Total ...

7,117 5,090

2. The estimated receipts fall short of the current year's estimate by Rupees 317. There appears a decrease under almost all the items, save the "House-tax," "Tolls," and "Fines." Notwithstanding the desire of Government, expressed in paragraph 8 of G. O., 30th September 1874, No. 1651, that special attention should be paid to the unduly low valuation of the houses and the revision of assessment on them, in view to raising materially the revenue derived from the house-tax, no appreciable increase appears under that head in the estimates now submitted; a sum of Rupees 890 having been put down against Rupees 850 for the current year, with the remark that the Commissioners have given their full consideration to the remarks made by Government, and have arrived at the conclusion that it is impossible to raise the valuation, "as the condition of the houses in the town is low, and the rental they have estimated is much higher than that fixed on better buildings in other Municipalities."

3. The slight increase in the house-tax is nearly counterbalanced by a corresponding decrease in the tax on arts, &c.

4. In order to limit the expenditure to the reduced income of the Municipality, no new works are proposed to be undertaken during the year; no provision

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has been made for lighting; and slight reductions appear under other heads: these reductions are to be regretted, but, as they appear to be unavoidable, the budget is passed as submitted, with the remark, however, that the object of repairing the school-building is not clear, now that the Municipality has severed its connection with the institution.

5. The accounts should be submitted in a book form, and not in detached sheets. The establishment charges under Grant V. are shown in Statement II. at Rupees 588, whereas in Statement II.-B the particulars aggregate Rupees 552 only.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Gooty.
 „ Public Works Department.
 „ Revenue Department.
 „ Board of Revenue.
 „ Accountant-General.
 „ Sanitary Commissioner.
 „ Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
 „ Director of Public Instruction.
 „ President of the Local Fund Board, Bellary District.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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To
THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION.

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