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**Municipal-Budget.**

No. 225. Read the following letter from G. VANSAGNEW, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Nellore, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Nellore, 28th January 1875, No. 131:—

I have the honor to submit the Budget Estimates of the Nellore Municipality for 1875-76 in the prescribed forms.

2. The opening balance of the Municipality and of the several institutions attached to it is estimated at Rupees 1,700, and the receipts at Rupees 29,600, making a total of Rupees 31,300. The expenditure proposed is Rupees 31,300, which leaves no balance on the 31st March 1876. The prospects of the several institutions are exhibited in the annexed statement:—

| Particulars.                        | Estimated opening Balance. | Probable Receipts. | Total. | Probable Expenditure. | Closing Balance. |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------|-----------------------|------------------|
|                                     | RS.                        | RS.                | RS.    | RS.                   | RS.              |
| Municipal Proper ... ..             | 1,200                      | 19,460             | 20,660 | 19,880                | .....            |
| 2. Dispensaries ... ..              | .....                      | 5,820              | 5,820  | 5,800                 | .....            |
| 3. Lying-in Hospitals ... ..        | .....                      | 1,330              | 1,380  | 2,180                 | .....            |
| Total ... ..                        | 1,200                      | 26,600             | 27,860 | 27,860                | .....            |
| 1. Langerkhana Establishment ... .. | 500                        | 2,940              | 3,440  | 3,440                 | .....            |
| Total ... ..                        | 1,700                      | 29,500             | 31,300 | 31,300                | .....            |

3. The receipts of the Municipal Fund proper amount to Rupees 19,460 for 1875-76, against the estimated sum for the current year of Rupees 20,210, the decrease of Rupees 750 for 1875-76 being due to a reduced estimate of income from rates on houses in consequence of the damages which some of the paying houses suffered during the recent floods, as well as to a slight reduction in the estimates for registration of carts, Magistrate fines, and Surplus Pound Collections, which have been now entered according to the average collections during the past three years.

(1.) *Rates on Houses and Lands.*—This amounts to Rupees 7,500, against Rupees 7,800 for the current year. The cause of the reduced estimate has been already given.

(2.) *Tax on Vehicles and Animals.*—The current year's amount, viz., Rupees 2,000, is repeated for 1875-76.

(3.) *Registration of Carts.*—The estimate is entered at Rupees 1,700 in lieu of Rupees 1,800 for the current year.

(4.) The estimated receipts from *Tolls and Fees* are the same as those for the current year, viz., Rupees 5,000 and Rupees 500, respectively.

(5.) Receipts from *School Fees* are estimated at Rupees 1,000. The school fees are collected at 2, 4, and 6 Annas, according to the classes.

(6.) *Assignments by Government.*—Under this head a sum of Rupees 200 is estimated, being a moiety of the Surplus Pound Fund raised within municipal limits and the fixed annual grant of Rupees 2,940 for the support of the Langerkhana or Poor-house.

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(7.) *Contributions.*—The following accounts are estimated as contributions from the Local Fund Board :—

|                                                                               |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Rs.                                                                           |  |
| 1,900 for Education.                                                          |  |
| 2,900 for Dispensaries, as per G.O., dated 2nd December 1874, No. 2013.       |  |
| 1,580 for Lying-in Hospital, as per G.O., dated 14th December 1874, No. 2085. |  |
| <u>5,380 Total.</u>                                                           |  |

4. A contribution from Government equivalent to one-fourth of the salaries of the Medical subordinates is shown in the estimate at the same amount as for the current year, viz. Rupees 570. Under this head it should be stated that G.O., dated 25th March 1873, No. 397, sanctioned the contribution of 25 per cent on the salaries of the Assistant Surgeon and Hospital Assistant, and that the Municipal Commissioners are paying to the Assistant Surgeon (*vide* G.O., dated 4th June 1870, No. 793), a dispensary allowance of Rupees 20 per mensem on which the 25 per cent. contribution is not drawn. I request on behalf of the Commissioners that 25 per cent. on this allowance may also be contributed by Government.

5. *Hospitals.*—The receipts on account of these institutions (which consist of the Civil Dispensary and Branch Dispensary) are estimated for 1875-76 at Rupees 5,320 against Rupees 4,350 for the current year, the increase arising from the increased contribution from the Local Funds. The receipts of the Dispensaries are composed of :—

|                                          |              |
|------------------------------------------|--------------|
| The Madras Rajah's Contribution          | 1,800        |
| Government Contribution towards Salaries | 570          |
| Local Fund Contributions                 | 2,900        |
| Interest                                 | 450          |
| Miscellaneous                            | 115          |
| <u>Total</u>                             | <u>5,820</u> |

The Funded Capital of the institutions consists of promissory notes for Rs. 3,000.

6. *Lying-in Hospital.*—This is a new institution established under the sanction of G.O., dated 14th December 1874, No. 2085. The only source of income it has specially is the Local Fund contribution of Rupees 1,580, sanctioned in the Government Order referred to.

7. The total expenditure proposed for the year is Rupees 31,300, which is equal to the amount of the estimated balance and receipts together.

Of this, Rupees 3,040 is allotted for Public Works, viz., Rupees 2,740 for repairs of communications and Rupees 300 for New Works. The new works proposed for this year are the water project and the improvement of, and additions to the Lungersham buildings. A sum of Rupees 4,000 is allotted for the former, and Rupees 800 for the latter. The water project, the Government are aware, had made some progress, but the flood that occurred in October destroyed a large proportion of the work done. The promised estimate for the whole work will be submitted as soon as the pressure of emergent work on Mr. R. Smith's hands allows of his furnishing a report with plans and estimate. The Lungersham buildings are a part of the scheme already reported upon—*vide* G.O., dated 6th

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November 1874, No. 1895, and paragraph 27 of the annual report for 1873-74; and this work will be carried out as funds are available.

8. Under Repairs a sum of Rupees 3,750 is allotted, which is distributed as follows :—

|                                                                   |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Rs.                                                               |  |
| 3,360 for the maintenance and repair of thirty-one miles of road. |  |
| 290 for the repair of drains.                                     |  |
| 100 for the repair of Dispensary buildings.                       |  |
| <u>3,750 Total.</u>                                               |  |

9. The other charges are as follow :—

|                                  |               |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
|                                  | Rs.           |
| Education                        | 3,020         |
| Vaccination                      | 160           |
| Registration                     | 240           |
| Conservancy                      | 5,260         |
| Lighting                         | 1,000         |
| Avenues                          | 800           |
| Office and charges of Collection | 1,260         |
| Water Pandals                    | 150           |
| Miscellaneous                    | 340           |
| Dispensaries                     | 5,700         |
| Lying-in Hospital                | 2,180         |
| Lungersham                       | 2,550         |
| <u>Total</u>                     | <u>22,660</u> |

10. Under Education the provision for 1875-76 is Rupees 3,020 against Rupees 3,000 for the current year. No provision is made for the Girls' School, as its complete transfer to provincial management has been effected under G.O., dated 16th December 1874, No. 416.

11. The other items show little or no change.

12. A provision of Rupees 800 is made for payment on account of Avenues. It should be mentioned that these avenues were planted under contracts entered into in 1869 by Mr. Dykes, as Collector, the expenditure having been incurred from the Jungle Conservancy Fund. Out of the aggregate amount of the contract of Rupees 5,200 for 1,300 trees at the rate of Rupees 4 per tree, the Collector had paid Rupees 1,385 up to 1870-71, when the avenues having been transferred, under G.O., dated 11th November 1870, No. 1747, the Commissioners paid Rupees 900 in 1871-72, and Rupees 300 in 1872-73, making altogether Rupees 1,585. The balance still due on the contract is Rupees 1,615. In the present state of their funds, and with important works, such as the water project in their hands, the Commissioners are very anxious to be relieved of this charge, which can well be borne by the Jungle Conservancy Fund. The Collector has been addressed on the subject, and will submit the matter for the favorable consideration of Government, through the Board of Revenue.

13. The expenditure proposed on Dispensaries is Rupees 5,820 against an income of Rupees 5,820.

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The details of the proposed expenditure are as follow :—

| Establishments.                                         | Rs.   |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Pay of Assistant Surgeon in charge of Bazaar Dispensary | 1,500 |
| A second-class Doctor                                   | 450   |
| Dispensary Servants                                     | 720   |
| Medicines                                               | 750   |
| Diet of Patients                                        | 1,314 |
| Contingencies                                           | 50    |
| Repairs                                                 | 100   |
| Total                                                   | 5,800 |

14. The Lingee Hospital is paid for partly from Local Funds and partly from Municipal Funds.

15. I hope soon to be able to submit a complete list of the damages done by the flood. The District Engineer has been unable to furnish some of the necessary estimates, but he expects very shortly to have an office available to make them. In the meanwhile, as Collector, I have advanced the funds necessary, not only to restore the communications, but to employ the numerous poor people who suffered by the flood. The restoration of the roads is almost completed.

No. 416. ORDER THEREON, 19th February 1875, No. 200.

In the subjoined abstract the estimates of the Nellore Municipality, submitted with the above letter, are compared with those for the current year :—

| REVENUE.                 | 1874-75. | 1875-76. | CHARGES.                  | 1874-75. | 1875-76. |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|---------------------------|----------|----------|
| Rs.                      | Rs.      | Rs.      | Rs.                       | Rs.      | Rs.      |
| Balance brought forward— |          |          | Grant I.—                 |          |          |
| Municipal Fund           | 2,370    | 1,200    | New Works—                |          |          |
| Sanitation Fund          |          | 600      | Communications            |          |          |
| Assigned by Government   | 5,810    | 2,710    | Sanitary and Miscella-    | 0,000    |          |
| Rates on Houses, &c.     | 7,800    | 7,500    | neous                     |          | 4,390    |
| Tax on Vehicles          | 2,000    | 2,000    | Repairs—                  |          |          |
| Registration of Carts    | 1,800    | 1,700    | Communications            |          | 3,200    |
| Tolls                    | 6,000    | 5,000    | Sanitary and Miscella-    | 4,100    | 390      |
| Fees                     | 500      | 500      | neous                     |          |          |
| Fines                    | 300      | 600      | Grant II.—                |          |          |
| Grants from Govt.        | 1,000    | 1,000    | Municipal Schools         | 5,000    | 3,020    |
| Grants from, &c.         | 2,370    | 2,050    | Grant III.—               |          |          |
| Grants from Local        |          |          | Hospitals                 | 5,720    | 7,580    |
| Grants from Nellore      | 2,710    | 2,480    | Vaccination               | 100      | 160      |
| Municipal Funds          | 510      | 210      | Registration of Carts &c. | 240      | 240      |
|                          |          |          | Commissariat              | 5,260    | 5,260    |
|                          |          |          | Grant IV.—                |          |          |
|                          |          |          | Lighting                  | 1,100    | 1,000    |
|                          |          |          | Other Miscellaneous Exp.  |          |          |
|                          |          |          | enses                     | 3,266    | 3,500    |
|                          |          |          | Grant V.—                 |          |          |
|                          |          |          | Offices                   | 1,260    | 1,260    |
|                          |          |          | Miscellaneous             | 340      | 240      |
|                          |          |          | Balance                   | 824      |          |
| Total                    | 31,370   | 31,300   | Total                     | 31,370   | 31,300   |

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It is not explained how the opening balance has been arrived at.

2. Statements I. and II. have not been prepared in the form prescribed in G.O., 28th October 1871, No. 1646, but in accordance with the forms circulated with G.O., dated 8th January 1875, No. 32. These, however, were intended for adoption only in the case of the special return to be furnished to the Accountant-General, and were not meant to supersede the Budget Forms of 1871. In the above abstract the items have been classified in the proper form.

3. The decrease in the estimate under House-tax is attributed to the damages caused by the recent floods to some of the larger houses in the town.

4. The method of framing an estimate said to have been adopted in the case of the Registration of Carts, &c., is not correct. Averages should not be adopted when fairly accurate estimates can be framed on due consideration of the probable circumstances of the coming year.

5. In G.O., dated 6th November 1874, No. 1895, paragraph 4, the Government remarked that the propriety of the arrangement by which the Local Fund Board contributes more than the Municipality for the upkeep of the Municipal Schools was not apparent. Under these circumstances explanation should have been afforded with regard to the estimated contribution of Rupees 1,000 from Local Funds for Schools.

6. The Government sanction the contribution of 25 per cent. on the Dispensary allowance of Rupees 50 to the Assistant Surgeon from Provincial Funds, as recommended in paragraph 4 of the President's letter; but this and other similar contributions need not pass through the Budget, as the Government share of the pay of the Medical officers will be made a direct debit to Provincial Funds.

7. An allotment of Rupees 4,000 is again made for the water project, the work on which is said to have been considerably damaged by the floods; and it is observed that the early submission of detailed plans and estimates for the project is promised by the President.

8. The Government await the separate communication which the Collector proposes to submit on the large allotments required year after year for avenues, and the Budget is passed subject to the remarks above made.

(True Extract.)

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