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Municipal—Budget.

No. 23. Read the following letter from H. S. THOMAS, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Combaconum, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Tanjore, 30th January 1875, No. 13:—

I have the honor to submit the Budget Estimate of receipts and disbursements of the Combaconum Municipality, for the year 1875-76, in accordance with the forms prescribed in G.O., dated 28th October 1871, No. 1646.

2. The necessary explanations are given in the accompanying copy of the Vice-President's letter, dated 8th January 1875, No. 140.

From T. GOVINDA ROW, Officiating Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Combaconum, to H. S. THOMAS, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Combaconum, dated Combaconum, 8th January 1875, No. 140.

In forwarding, herewith, the Budget Estimate for the year 1875-76, prepared according to Government Proceedings, No. 646, dated 28th October 1871, I have the honor to make the following remarks with reference to certain items.

2. The gross receipts of this Municipality for the year 1875-76 have, it will be seen from Statement I., been estimated at Rupees 39,025, against Rupees 35,135 in the current year. The increase will be chiefly due to the balance of Rupees 3,000, which is expected to remain unexpended at the close of the current year, and the addition of two new items, *viz.*, the Municipal School fees, and the fees to be collected in the Municipal slaughter-house.

3. EXPENDITURE.—*Statement* II., *Grant* I.—A sum of Rupees 1,200 has been entered for opening a new road from Shakkulam to Needamungalum Road. This will connect two important trunk roads passing through the heart of the town. When the Railway is constructed this new road will become a short way for reaching the Station-house from the northern half of the town. The construction of this road had, on account of its great importance, been for a long time under the contemplation of the Commissioners, but owing to the want of funds had been postponed till now.

4. As the three Elementary Schools started this year are all very ill-accommodated, on account of the difficulty experienced in procuring commodious buildings for rent, the Commissioners propose to erect one schoolhouse every year, and have consequently entered a sum of Rupees 1,500 for the erection of a house for the Elementary School in Pettai Division, which at present suffers most for want of a suitable house, and is located in a small private chavady intended for travellers.

5. *Grant* II., *Results Grants.*—Considering that schools under their direct management would work better than the Results Grants and Grants-in-aid Schools, the Commissioners have opened recently three Elementary Schools, and have in consequence reduced the amount for Results Grants

from Rupees 483 to Rupees 300 for the Budget year, in order that the funds at their disposal may meet the other expenses. The Commissioners besides are of opinion that there is much room for fraud being exercised in Results Grants Schools, and they consider it more expedient to open as many Municipal Schools as the town may require than supporting Results Grants Schools.

6. *Grant* III., *Hospitals and Dispensaries.*—The pay of the dhoby and cook is increased on account of the greater amount of work they have to do in consequence of the increased number of in-patients in the hospital.

7. A sum of Rupees 610 has been entered for the purchasing of Government promissory notes to be added to the invested funds of the hospital. The Commissioners with a view of bringing the present hospital invested funds of Rupees 18,100 in the shape of Government promissory notes to a round sum of Rupees 20,000, have resolved to recover Rupees 1,097-12-4 and Rupees 202-3-8 invested with Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. and in the Savings Bank, respectively, and to supply the deficit of Rupees 610 from the Municipal Fund.

8. The cost of Conservancy Establishment for the Budget year is increased by Rupees 13 per mensem to remunerate the three hardworking and long-standing servants whose salaries have been reduced last year for want of funds.

9. Rupees 660 are allotted for the construction of six rubbish-carts similar to those used in Madras. The rubbish-carts at present used by the Contractors while removing the rubbish from the ash-tubs throw it over the road; and as the Commissioners had found it difficult to make the Contractors provide with better carts, they sent for models of the carts used in Madras to have twenty-four carts made similar to them. But owing to want of funds the work had been postponed till now. They, therefore, propose to construct at the rate of six carts every year, and have allotted Rs. 660 for the purpose.

10. As some new latrines are constructed this year, and some more are to be constructed in the course of the Budget year, the Commissioners intend to make four latrine carts, as per plan of the carts used in Madras, to remove night soil from the latrines and streets.

11. The Commissioners, considering it advisable to improve all the useful tanks in the town at the rate of one tank every year, have allotted Rupees 850 for clearing the Patchayappa Mudaliar's Tank and erecting steps, parapet walls, &c., to it.

12. *Grant* V., *Office*, shows an increase of Rupees 96 under the head of Office Establishment. The pay of the second Clerk is raised by 5 Rupees on account of the great satisfaction he has given to the Vice-President by his manner of keeping accounts; he is also spoken of favorably by the Auditor of the Municipal Accounts for 1873-74; also the pay of the Shroff which was reduced from Rupees 15 to 12 during a revision of establishment is raised again to Rupees 15 in consideration of his long service and the satisfaction given by him.

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

No. 24. ORDER THEREON, 3rd March 1875, No. 485.

A comparative abstract of the Budget Estimates of the Combaconum Municipality for 1875-76 and 1874-75 is given below:—

RECEIPTS.	1874-75.	1875-76.
	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward ...	...	3,000
Assignment by Government	150	150
Rate on Houses, &c.	14,000	14,000
Tax on Vehicles	1,400	1,400
Tolls	14,000	14,000
Fees	1,200	1,500
Fines	200	500
School Fees	...	200
Endowments	1,815	1,815
Contributions from Local Funds	2,000	2,000
Miscellaneous	370	460
Total ...	35,135	39,025

CHARGES.	1874-75.	1875-76
	RS.	RS.
Grant I.		
New Works—		
Communications	712	1,500
Educational	3,426	1,500
Sanitary and Miscellaneous		1,750
Repairs—		
Communications	3,500	4,000
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	2,130	2,000
Establishment	2,262	2,262
Tools and Plant	56	55
Grant II.—		
Municipal Schools	1,133	2,333
Salary Grants	1,014	...
Results Grants...	483	300
Contribution for Inspection.	300	300
Miscellaneous	70	320
Grant III.—		
Hospitals and Dispensaries.	6,050	5,830
Vaccination	150	300
Registration of Births and Deaths	200	190
Conservancy	9,400	11,462
Grant IV.—		
Lighting	1,920	1,650
Other Miscellaneous Purposes	160	876
Grant V.—		
Office...	1,869	2,097
Miscellaneous	300	300
Total ...	35,135	39,025

2. The estimated receipts are larger than those for the current year, owing chiefly to the opening balance of Rupees 3,000, which appears to have been correctly estimated. The totals of the regular estimates for the current year should have been shown in the accounts submitted.

3. Statement II.-A is not prepared in the form prescribed in G.O., dated 28th October 1871, No. 646. The President will report whether estimates have

been prepared for the proposed new schoolhouse, and for the road from Shakkulam to Needamungalum, for which an allotment of Rupees 1,200 is provided.

4. It is observed that the Commissioners prefer Elementary Schools established and managed by themselves to the Results Grants and Grant-in-aid Schools which heretofore existed.

5. The increase to the pay of some of the servants on the Municipal Establishment is sanctioned under the circumstances reported.

6. The Government note that it is proposed to raise the funded capital of the Dispensary from Rupees 18,100 to 20,000 Rupees.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Combaconum.
,, 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 Boards, Tanjore District.

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To

The PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Combaconum

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March 3rd.

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G.O., 3rd March 1875, No. 485.

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