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No. 113. Read the following letter from C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Salem, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Salem, 8th February 1875, No. 183 :—

I have the honor, herewith, to forward the Budget Estimates of receipts and disbursements of the Salem Municipality for the year 1875-76, and to offer the following explanatory remarks thereon.

2. RECEIPTS. 1, *Balances.*—The balance at the commencement of the year is estimated at Rupees 2,000, as the current year began with a larger amount of arrears uncollected than was estimated for in the previous Budget. It is also desirable to have a balance in hand when the year opens, as the tax on houses is not collected until three months after, and money is required to carry on works that are in progress.

3. *Head* 2 ; *c, Grant towards School building at Shevapett, Rs.* 250.—This is the Government grant which the Commissioners expect to receive towards the erection of a school-house at Shevapett, at a cost of Rupees 500, for the use of the middle-class school at that place for which at present there is no suitable accommodation, it being now located in a private choultry. An application for the sanction of the above grant has been sent to the Director of Public Instruction.

4. *Head* 3 ; *a, Rates on Houses.*—The receipt under this head has been raised to Rupees 13,000, being calculated upon the current year's demand which stands at that figure.

5. *Head* 3 ; *c, Tax on Vehicles and Animals.*—There is a small increase under this head which the Commissioners expect to realize from the additional number of vehicles now in the town.

6. *Head* 3; *d, Registration of Carts.*—There is a small reduction under this head as the receipts of the current year will not amount to what has been budgeted for.

7. *Head* 3 ; *e, Tolls.*—The lease of the tolls for the current year did not realize

the latter is transferred to the former, as the Commissioners have established their own schools where Results Grant Schools did not succeed.

19. *Grant* II., 4, *Contribution to Local Funds for Educational Inspection.*—The amount of contribution is entered at Rupees 20 only, as the Municipality have appointed their own Inspecting Schoolmaster.

20. *Grant* III., *Hospital Establishment, Rupees* 3,900.—The allotment under this head exceeds that of last year by Rupees 240, which will be required for the services of an extra Nurse for the new Contagious Diseases Ward and for a Writer for

11. *Head* 7, *Miscellaneous—Rents from Markets, Rupees* 1,300.—The receipts under this head will increase so long as additions are year by year made to the Municipal Market buildings. A block of buildings in the Shevapett Market will be completed in the current year, the rents from which will increase the receipts of next year.

12. *Head* 7 ; *c, The Rents and Fees from the Slaughter-houses and the Rent from the Cart-stand* have been reduced, as the farms during the current year realized less than was anticipated.

13. EXPENDITURE. *Grant* I., *New Works, Communications.*—The allotment on account of this head has been allowed to remain the same as last year, with the exception of the Kaikola Street road which was completed during the current year.

14. *Grant* I., *New Works ; b, Educational.*—The entry under this head has already been explained in paragraph 3 *supra.*

15. *Grant* I., *New Works ; c, Sanitary and Miscellaneous, Rupees* 3,500.—Of this Rupees 2,100 is for three new latrines ; Rupees 600 is intended for the Shevapett Market, another portion of which the Commissioners hope to build during next year ; and Rupees 500 is for the Vellakkuttai channel scheme. This important work has been again left untouched during the past year consequent on the receipt of the Orders of Government, No. 222, dated 27th February 1873, declining to remit the difference in the assessment on the land to be converted from wet to dry cultivation under the scheme, the Commissioners being unanimously opposed to the idea of incurring a charge in perpetuity ; the sum of Rupees 500 has, however, been provided in the Budget for the current year, as the Commissioners cannot doubt but that when the matter is more fully explained Government will admit the fairness of the claim put forward by the Commissioners, which is briefly that bearing in these matters the expense and responsibility formerly met by Government, they should also be held to be entitled to the advantages or rights formerly possessed by the Government in whose place they now stand and for whom they are acting. A special letter will be addressed to Government on the subject.

16. The remaining items under Grant I. stand almost the same as last year and call for no special remark.

17. *Grant* II., 1, *Middle-class Schools.*—The allotment for Establishment has received a slight increase, as during the current year the number of pupils on the Rolls of the schools rose very high, and the Commissioners were obliged to give each of the three schools an additional teacher.

18. *Grant* II., 2 *and* 3, *Salary Grants and Results Grants.*—Rupees 300 from more than Rupees 9,250. The lease for the next year will probably sell for about the same amount.

8. *Head* 3 ; *g, Magisterial Fines.*—This is calculated according to the receipts of the current year.

9. *Head* 4, *Fees from Schools, &c.*—The estimate under this head has also been framed upon the actuals of the current year.

10. *Head* 6, *Contributions from Local Funds, Rupees* 200.—This has only lately been sanctioned by Government in their Proceedings, No. 58, of 13th January.

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the Dispensary, the provision made last year having been absorbed by the employment of an additional ward cooly for the new building.

21. *Grant* III., 2, *Vaccination, Rupees* 450.—This is calculated upon the actual amount expended on establishment during the current year.

22. *Grant* III., 4, *Conservancy Establishment.*—The difference between this and the amount entered in the previous year's Budget, *viz.*, Rupees 950, is for the increased provision for the inspection of the town which is too large to be supervised effectually by one Inspector, and for the additional staff of scavengers and toties required consequent upon the reduction in the number of bullock carts and for the new latrines recently built.

23. *Grant* III., 4 ; *c, Hire of Bullock Carts.*—The Commissioners have found from experience that hand carts work better than bullock carts, and have therefore resolved that the latter be reduced from 15 to 11 and the difference replaced by the former.

24. *Grant* III., 4 ; *f, Compensation for the removal of Huts, &c., Rupees* 1,000. The Commissioners propose to open out another entrance into the town from the Railway Station, by which arrangement the greater portion of the traffic now carried on with great difficulty through an overcrowded thoroughfare in Shevapett will be diverted by this course. The amount entered therefore is for the widening of a lane which is to form the entrance.

25. *Grant* IV., *Lighting, Oil, Rupees* 500.—The increased provision is for the additional number of lights that have been put up during the current year.

26. *Grant* V., *Supervision and Management.*—This grant remains the same as the current year excepting that some changes have been made in the minor details.

27. The other items in the Budget have undergone such trivial changes as to require no special remark.

No. 114. ORDER THEREON, 10th March 1875, No. 552.

The Budget Estimates of the Salem Municipality for 1875-76 are compared below with those for the current year :—

RECEIPTS.	1874-75.	1875-76.
	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward ...	1,000	2,000
Assignment by Government...	2,070	2,320
Rate on Houses, &c.	12,300	14,000
Tax on Arts, &c.	200	...
Tax on Vehicles, &c.	1,600	1,700
Registration of Carts	2,500	2,300
Tolls	10,850	9,500
Fees	500	500
Fines	250	700
School fees	1,000	1,400
Endowments, &c.	...	70
Contribution from Local Funds	3,400	2,600
Miscellaneous	4,330	3,800
Total ...	40,000	40,890

CHARGES.	1874-75.	1875-76.
	RS.	RS.
Grant I.—		
New Works—		
Communications	900	750
Educational	3,200	500
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	300	3,500
Repairs—		
Communications	2,500	2,500
Educational	...	100
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	600	200
Establishment	...	360
Tools and Plant	...	200
Contribution to Local Fund for Sooramangalum road	500	500
Reserve	920	230
Grant II.—		
Middle-class Schools ...	2,200	2,450
Municipal Schools, Salary Grant	720	1,000
Results Grants...	1,000	700
Contribution to Local Fund for Inspection ...	100	20
Miscellaneous	230	350
Reserve	...	150
Grant III.—		
Hospitals	6,160	6,400
Vaccination	550	460
Registration of Births and Deaths	370	370
Conservancy	13,020	13,840
Reserve	300	280
Grant IV.—		
Lighting	1,060	850
Other purposes	2,540	2,350
Grant V.—		
Office	2,830	2,550
Miscellaneous		280
Total ...	40,000	40,890

2. Notwithstanding the absence of any closing balance in the current year's estimates, an opening balance of Rupees 2,000 is anticipated for 1875-76. This appears to be partly owing to the actual closing balance of 1873-74 having been larger than was anticipated, and partly to the collections on account of arrear taxes during the current year having exceeded the estimates.

3. Under "Assignments by Government" a grant of Rupees 250 is provided for a school house proposed to be built for the middle-class school at Shivapett. The provision may stand, pending consideration of the matter by the Director of Public Instruction.

4. The contribution from Local Funds on account of the Hospital is reduced from Rupees 2,500 to Rupees 2,009. The President should have explained the decrease.

5. Increased provision is made for Municipal Schools, Hospitals, and Conservancy Establishment, and being fully explained by the President, is approved and sanctioned.

6. "The carriage allowance to the Vice President" should be shown under Grant V. not Grant IV.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Salem.
" 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, Salem.

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Salem,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March 10th.
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