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Municipal-Budget.

No. 357. Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Erode, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 25th January 1875, No. 3.—

I have the honor to submit the Budget Estimate of the Erode Municipality for 1875-76.

2. The estimated income may be thus summed up:—

	1874-75.	1875-76.
	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward...	...	900
Assignments and Allotments by Government	280	...
Rate on Houses	2,750	3,000
Tax on Vehicles	500	500
Registration of Carts	500	500
Tolls	1,300	1,000
Fees	10	100
Fines	70	50
Endowments, &c.	190	400

charges of the Erode Municipality for 1875-76 and 1876-77.

RECEIPTS.			CHARGES.		
	1874-75.	1875-76.		1874-75.	1875-76.
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward...	1,630	...	Grant I.—		
Assignment by Government	...	280	New Works—		
Rate on Houses, &c.	3,000	2,750	Communications	550	690
Tax on Arts, &c.	...	...	Sanitary and Miscella-		
Tax on Vehicles, &c.	500	500	neous	390	100
Registration of Carts	500	500	Repairs—		
Tolls	1,000	1,300	Communications	700	505
Fees	100	10	Miscellaneous	280	...
Fines	50	70	Other items	30	...
Endowments, &c.	400	190	Grant II.—		
Contributions from Local Funds	...	700	Results Grants	200	200
Miscellaneous	410	310	Contributions for Inspection	50	50
			Grant III.—		
			Hospitals	1,270	1,528
			Vaccination		
			Contribution to Local	50	50
			Funds		
			Registration of births and		
			deaths	90	84
			Conservancy	2,440	1,996
			Grant IV.—		
			Lighting	590	728
			Other purposes	220	185
			Grant V.—		
			Supervision and Management	570	496
			Balance	160	...
Total	7,590	8,610	Total	7,590	8,610

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8. The expenditure is estimated as follows:—

	1874-75	1875-76
Grant I.—		
New Works—		
Communications	600	550
Sundry and Miscellaneous	100	100
Repairs—		
Communications	505	700
Other Items		30
Grant II.—		
Residue Grant	200	200
Contribution to Local Funds for Educational Inspection	50	50
Grant III.—		
Hospitals and Dispensaries	1,528	1,270
Vaccination	50	50
Registration of births and deaths	84	90
Conservancy	1,990	2,100
Grant IV.—		
Lighting	720	500
Choultries	120	120
Miscellaneous	65	100
Grant V.—		
Supervision and Management	450	570
Balances		150
Total	6,610	6,960

leaving no balance at the end of the year.

No. 358-49

No. 360. Order in Council, 27th February 1875, No. 455.

Revolutions	310	410
Total	6,610	6,960

3. The estimate under "Assignments and Allotments by Government" comprises the surplus collections of the Cattle pound, and the contribution from Provincial Funds towards the pay of the Medical officer, which the Government directed should be exhibited under this head—*vide* paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 411, of 12th March 1873, Financial Department.

4. There was a decrease under Hs. so far as compared with the estimate of the current year, but as Rupees 2,163 were only realized in 1873-74 against the estimate of Rupees 3,000 for that year, the Commissioners' estimate of Rupees 2,750 for the ensuing year is as near as can be expected, after raising the house-tax from 6 to 7½ per cent, which the Commissioners have found it necessary to propose so as to meet the expenses.

5. The Tolls realized Rupees 1,400 in 1873-74; so that the Commissioners' estimate of Rupees 1,500 is nearer the mark than the current year's estimate of Rupees 1,000.

6. The decrease under "Endowments, &c." is caused by the transfer of the Provincial Fund contribution on account of the Medical officer's salary from the head of "Endowments, &c." to that of "Assignments by Government"—*vide* paragraph 3.

7. Seeing that no opening balance is expended, the anticipated aggregate receipts of the ensuing year do not show any decrease.

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2. Statement I.-A does not appear to be correctly prepared; the current expenditure on choultries being shown as Rupees 190, while Rupees 120 only are entered on that account in Statement II. The grant from Provincial Funds towards the pay of the Medical Subordinate in charge of the Hospital need not in future be shown in the Municipal accounts, as the portion of the salary borne by Government will be debited direct to Provincial Funds and not brought on the Municipal books.

3. Notwithstanding a proposed enhancement of the house rate from 6 to 7½ per cent, which the Government sanction, the receipts during the year are estimated to be less by Rupees 250 than in the current year, the Commissioners being of opinion that they over-estimated the proceeds of the house-tax in the current and previous years; the actuals of 1873-74 having been only Rupees 2,163 against Rupees 3,000 estimated.

4. Under Tolls, an increase of Rupees 300 is estimated, and it is observed that the allotment for Public Works Communications do not fall far short of the receipts from that source.

5. The other items do not call for any remark in detail, and the Budget is passed accordingly.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Erode.

- .. Public Works Department.
- .. Revenue Department.
- .. Board of Revenue.
- .. Accountant-General.
- .. Sanitary Commissioner.
- .. Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
- .. Director of Public Instruction.
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