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17th March 1875.

Municipal—Budget.

No. 163. Read the following letter from W. D. HORSLEY, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Cuddapah, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cuddapah, 16th February 1875, No. 179:—

I have the honor to forward copy of a Memorandum from the Sub-Committee appointed to prepare the Budget Estimates for 1875-76, and an extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners at a General Meeting held on the 6th February 1875, approving of the same, together with the estimates of receipts and expenditure.

2. Government will perceive that the Commissioners desire sanction for the levy of a tax on Arts and Professions which was abolished in 1874-75, in accordance with G.O., dated 26th May 1873, No. 730.

3. Unless this is allowed I see no way of providing for the intended charges. The Commissioners are already crippled in their operations. I therefore recommend the proposal of the Commissioners to the favorable consideration of Government, and in the event of the tax being sanctioned a Supplemental Budget will be submitted.

MEMORANDUM.

According to a Resolution of the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Cuddapah, dated 16th January 1875, we, the undersigned members of the Municipal Commission, met on the 26th instant, and prepared the Budget for 1875-76. As great care and attention has been given in its preparation, we hope that the same will meet with the approval of the President and other members of the Municipality.

2. The estimate and actuals of 1872-73 and 1873-74, and the estimate for the current year with its actuals up to date were compared and the receipts for 1875-76 were based on these results. The opening balance was estimated at Rupees 1,500, being Rupees 1,000 less than last year. The rents of the Market has been increased from Rupees 960 to Rupees 1,500. The above was farmed out for Rupees 1,200 during the current year, and as the Commissioners have already completed one tiled shed and will probably open the same before the commencement of the next official year, the rent from that building we have estimated at Rupees 300, and hence the increase. We have struck out the income from Traveller's Bungalow as the building is closed for the present on account of its unsafe condition. With the exception of these, the rest of the items are the same as those of 1874-75, and therefore need no remark.

3. The expenditure under Grant I., was estimated at Rupees 8,409, out of which Rs. 6,859 are for New Works, Rupees 1,400 for Repairs, and Rupees 150, other items. The construction of School-house though estimated for in 1874-75, the work was not taken up during the year, and so Rupees 1,000 has been allotted for the same. Rupees 2,000 for constructing a portion of the Market and Rupees 2,050 for a Traveller's Bungalow were estimated for in this year, and provision is made for erecting two pucka double latrines. We take this opportunity of bringing to the notice of the Commissioners the advisability of requesting Government to grant a loan of Rupees 10,000 to complete the market, on condition of paying the same at Rupees 2,000 per year, commencing from 1876-77. We expect Rupees 1,500 this year, and if the whole building is finished we doubt not that we can realize more than Rupees 2,000 per annum. The estimate under Repair is Rupees 1,400. As we found that the works of the Public Works Ministry have been much decreased, we have reduced his pay from Rupees 14 to Rupees 10 per month. The pay of the Schoolmasters has been increased by Rupees 17 per month. Since the establishment, the school continues to

progress favorably, the number of boys are increasing daily, and the income also has exceeded the amount anticipated by the Commissioners. The Schoolmasters have exerted their utmost, and the results of the last annual examination were very favorable. In the estimate of Hospitals and Dispensaries, Rupees 1,500 were allowed for medicines and supplies. The Zillah Surgeon is of opinion that with the stock in hand the present allotment is ample for the ensuing year. Under the head of Supervision and Management, we have provided Rupees 600 as an allowance for the Vice-President. The duties of a Vice-President are very onerous and trying, and we cannot expect one to take such responsibilities upon himself without any kind of remuneration.

4. We have also allotted a sum of Rupees 269 as a Reserve Fund for all emergent works, the heavy rains of this year having taught us a lesson in this respect. In the absence of a Reserve Fund, the Commissioners will be put to the necessity of providing themselves with funds for such works by crippling the provisions made for other works.

5. We have completed the Budget for 1875-76 with the above alterations and additions, which we hope will be found satisfactory. As a reminder has already been received from the Accountant-General calling for the Abstract Budget Estimate, a Return in the form prescribed may be forwarded to him according to this Budget.

6. In conclusion, we will urge on the Commissioners the necessity of requesting the Government to sanction the levy of trade-tax which was abolished in accordance with the Proceedings of Government, dated 26th May 1873, No. 730.

7. The annual income of the Municipality is estimated at Rupees 25,000, which is hardly sufficient to meet the ordinary expenses, and far short of the intended expenditure, while the various projects which have been sanctioned and which are under the contemplation of the Commissioners, such as the water-project, the drainage of the town, construction of market and hospital, &c., &c., cannot possibly be carried out. The Commissioners are already aware that many of works in hand have been delayed in their completion, mainly on account of the insufficiency of funds, and we therefore think that without some additional source of income the works in hand would be in a stand-still for some years and no new works could ever be thought of.

8. We presume that Government have sanctioned the levy of trade-tax in some of the Municipalities, and we therefore deem it necessary to obtain the sanction of Government for the introduction of the tax in question at least for some years. The income under this head will not only supplement the revenue, we believe that it would in a greater measure relieve also the Commissioners from their present embarrassment.

Cuddapah, 27*th January* 1875. (Signed) M. IYASAWMY,
Vice-President.

(Signed) A. COOPIAH,
(,,) CAZEE SYED MOUNADDEEN SAIB,
Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Cuddapah.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Cuddapah, held on the 6th February 1875.

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101. Read report of the Sub-Committee appointed for preparing the Budget Estimate for 1875-76.

Approved, and resolved that the same be forwarded to the President for submission to Government.

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(Signed) M. IYASAWMY,
Vice-President.

No. 164. * * * * *

No. 165. ORDER THEREON, 17th March 1875, No. 598.

The subjoined abstract shows the Budget Estimates of the Cuddapah Municipality for 1875-76 and 1874-75 :—

RECEIPTS.	1874-75.	1875-76.
	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward ...	2,500	1,600
Assignment by Government...	150	150
Rate on Houses, &c.	6,000	6,000
Tax on Vehicles, &c.	900	850
Registration of Carts, &c. ...	500	500
Tolls	9,000	8,920
Fees	25	20
Fines	120	150
School Fees	420	600
Endowments, &c.	2,144	2,240
Contributions from Local Funds	1,840	1,850
Miscellaneous	1,764	2,220
Total ...	25,363	25,000

CHARGES.	1874-75.	1875-76.
Grant I.—	RS.	RS.
New Works—		
Communications ...	2,500	750
Educational	5,400	1,000
Sanitary and Miscellaneous... ...		5,109
Repairs—		
Communications ...	2,000	750
Sanitary and Miscellaneous... ...	750	650
Establishment	168	120
Tools and Plant ...		30
Grant II.—		
Municipal Schools ...	1,950	1,970
Salary Grants	180	...
Results Grants ...	250	250
Grant III.—		
Hospitals	4,232	4,472
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Registration of Births, &c.	84	84
Conservancy	4,630	4,875
Grant IV.—		
Lighting	1,413	702
Other purposes	658	1,008
Grant V.—		
Supervision	1,008	2,530
Refunds...	...	1,150
Total ...	25,363	25,000

2. The last column of Statements I. and II. should have been filled up with the regular estimates for the current year. The opening balance appears to be partly due to the allotment for the erection of a school-house not being utilized during the current year.

3. No receipts are anticipated from the Traveller's Bungalow, as the building is too much out of repair to be used, and a provision of Rupees 2,050 is made in the present Budget for the erection of a new bungalow. The Government resolve to direct the postponement of this work for the present, as the re-constitution of the Bungalow Fund, as a separate Special Fund, is now under consideration.

4. An allotment of Rupees 1,000 is made for the erection of a School-house, the provision for the current year not being worked out as above stated. It is observed that the estimated cost of the work is put down at Rupees 1,000 in the present Budget and at Rupees 800 only in the Budget for the current year.

5. The allowance of Rupees 50 per mensem, which it is proposed to give to the Vice-President, is sanctioned as a carriage allowance.

6. The Budget Committee, in paragraph 3 of their Memorandum, state that it would be advisable to obtain a loan from Government of Rupees 10,000 to complete the market. But on reference to Statement II. A, now submitted, it appears that out of a total estimate of Rupees 21,000 Rupees 16,656 will be expended by the end of the current year, while Rupees 2,000 are allotted for 1875-76, leaving only Rupees 2,344 to complete the work. It is therefore not clear how a loan of Rupees 10,000 is required for the market alone.

7. In paragraphs 7 and 8 of their Memorandum, the Committee state that various important projects such as the water supply, the drainage of the town, construction of market, hospital, &c., &c., have not been undertaken for want of funds, and urge the re-imposition of the Profession-tax to enable them to carry out all or some of these works. The President supports the proposal, but the Government observe that though the allotments in the present Budget for the annually recurring items of expenditure are generally rather in excess of those for the current year, it has still been found possible to assign Rupees 6,859 for new works, and, under these circumstances, they would prefer to see the necessary funds raised by means of a loan. They will consequently be prepared to consider favorably any application which may be submitted in accordance with the rules published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 23th October 1873, page 1674.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Cuddapah.
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" Revenue Department.
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" Sanitary Commissioner.
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