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No. 166. Read the following letter from R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Ganjam District, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Malahs, 26th January 1875, No. 224 :—

I have the honor to submit, with the following remarks, the Budget Estimates of the Berhampore and Chicacole Municipalities for 1875-76, together with copies of the Vice-President's reports explaining the different items.

2. BERHAMPORE.—The estimated receipts of this Municipality, including the balance (*viz.*, Rupees 2,000) amount to Rupees 17,015, of which the Commissioners propose to expend a sum of Rupees 16,794, leaving a small balance of Rupees 221.

3. It is not explained in the Vice-President's report how the opening balance of Rupees 2,000 has been arrived at, but I presume it is based on reliable data.

4. It will be observed that, in the Statement I. of Receipts, a sum of Rs. 150 has been newly entered as contribution from Local Funds for Public Works. This sum is a moiety of the cost of maintaining the road outside the town of Berhampore, which the Local Fund Board agreed to pay—*vide* G.O., dated 5th October 1874, No. 1673, Financial Department.

5. Under Disbursements (Statement II.) the Commissioners have omitted to make any provision for the contribution which they have to pay to Local Funds on account of charges for Educational Inspection. In the current year's Budget a sum of Rupees 100 was entered for this purpose, but no payment has yet been made. The sum hitherto paid by the Municipality was Rupees 200 (*vide* G.O., dated 17th April 1872, No. 512, Financial Department). This amount was, however, fixed at a time when the Local Funds used to bear a portion of the cost of the employment of the Deputy Inspector of Schools; and, as the Local Funds have now been relieved of this charge, it will probably be necessary to reduce the amount of contribution in question. The subject has, however, yet to be discussed both by the Municipal and Local Fund Boards, and pending the result of such discussion, and the final decision of Government, I have thought it proper to insert in the Budget the sum of Rupees 200 hitherto paid by the Municipal Board under the sanction of Government. A similar amount has also been entered in the Local Fund Budget for 1875-76 as an item of receipt.

6. CHICACOLE.—The estimated receipts of this Municipality, including the balance of Rupees 2,520, amount to Rupees 13,280, of which the Commissioners propose to spend Rupees 11,930, leaving a balance of Rupees 1,350.

7. The opening balance of Rupees 2,520 in question corresponds with the closing balance in the current year's Budget. In the absence of any explanation, I presume that the Commissioners have satisfied themselves as to the correctness of their calculation.

8. The receipts from various rates and taxes are not distinguished into "Arrears" and "Current" in Statement I. The Vice-President has been requested to guard against such omissions in future.

9. Under the last head "Miscellaneous" in Statement I, a sum of Rupees 100 has been entered without specifying the source from which it is expected to accrue. I presume, however, that it is meant for receipts from Travellers' Bungalow fees, and I have accordingly supplied the omission.

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From T. J. MAITREY, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Berhampore, to
R. DAVIDSON, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Ganjam District, dated
Berhampore, 5th January 1875, No. 187.

I have the honor to submit, herewith, the Budget Estimate of the Berhampore Municipality for the official year 1875-76.

2. The estimated receipts, including the balance of Rupees 2,000 which the Commissioners hope to have in hand, amount to Rupees 17,015. Of this, the Commissioners propose to spend Rupees 16,594, leaving a balance of Rupees 421. Almost all the items of receipts are with reference to present transactions. The only item of receipt that calls for explanation is Tolls. The actual amount of tolls that was bid at the auction was entered in the Budget for the current year. The Commissioners do not expect, however, the same amount for next year, and therefore only Rupees 6,500 have been estimated under this head, or Rupees 450 less than the actual amount of the current year.

3. The particulars of expenditure of Rupees 16,594 are given below.

4. *Grant I., Public Works.*—The Commissioners propose to spend Rupees 5,000 under this head as follows:—

	Rs.
New Works	2,155
Repairs	2,620
Establishment	180
Tools	45

The details of the first two items are shown in Statement II. A, and the latter two items need no explanation.

5. *Grant II., Education.*—The management of the Town School was assumed by the Municipality in August 1873, but as the results were not then satisfactory owing to the crude state in which it was at first taken over, as stated in paragraph 8 of my letter, No. 112, dated the 14th August 1874, the Commissioners raised the scheme of the school in July 1874,* and entertained a competent staff for its management. Hence a sum of Rupees 904 has been provided under this head, which shows an increase of Rupees 412 more than the amount provided for the current year. This will, however, be met from the estimated income of the school fees, which now amount to Rupees 480. A sum of Rupees 400 has been allotted for "Results Grants," and the same amount has been allotted for the current year and calls for no explanation.

6. *Grant III., Sanitation.*—A sum of Rupees 2,250 has been provided under Hospitals and Dispensaries. This amount has been calculated upon the basis of the items allotted for the current year, and no remark is therefore needed.

7. The items provided for Vaccination and Registration of Births and Deaths being nearly the same as those of the current year call for no remark.

8. *Conservancy.*—The town has been divided into five sections, and each section is under the control of two or more Commissioners. The sections have been demarcated with boundary stones, and an Inspector attached to each section. The Commissioners, upon the representation of the inhabitants, have provided for the removal of soiled water from the premises of the towns-people in four of the sections; the Conservancy Establishment had therefore to be revised. Rupees 3,138 provided for Establishment will include the pay of five Divisional Inspectors, seventy-eight Sweepers, twelve Bandy drivers, and one Bandy mistry. Four carts are required for the removal of soiled water, and Rupees 228 have been allotted for the purchase of four carts, four pairs of bullocks, and four oaks. The number of bullocks having increased upon the Municipal Establishment, there is a corresponding increase in the item provided for feeding them.

9. *Grant IV., Miscellaneous.*—*Item 1, Lighting.*—Rupees 1,205 have been provided under this head, Rupees 1,214 having been provided for the current year. The difference is so small that it calls for no remark.

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10. *Item 2, Market.*—The Commissioners are levying quit-rent from the temporary shops erected in Pandragadiya purchased by them, and a Gumastah is required for collecting the fees. Rupees 84 are therefore required for this purpose.

11. *Item 4, Watering Streets and Planting Avenues.*—The Commissioners have planted some trees this year on the roadsides, and they intend having more planted during next year. Rupees 100 will therefore be required for planting and watering both trees and streets.

12. *Item 5, Rewards for Killing Dogs.*—Although there was no provision under this head for the current year, yet the Commissioners were obliged to have stray dogs killed as the nuisance was on the increase, and they have therefore provided Rupees 40 under this head for next year.

13. *Grant n 1, Office.*—The grant under Establishment being the same as that of the current year calls for no explanation. The increase of charge in Contingencies is calculated with reference to the average of the actual charges of the current year.

14. *Item 2, Miscellaneous, Auditing Accounts.*—A sum of Rupees 50 is the usual amount allowed for audit, but the actuals of the previous and current years were Rupees 200 and 150, respectively, and it is, therefore, considered that a less sum than Rupees 150 cannot secure the services of a really efficient Auditor.

From W. F. GRAHAM, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Chicacole, to
R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commissions, Ganjam District, dated Purla Rimedy, 11th January 1875, No. 64.

I have the honor to submit, herewith, the Budget Estimate of the Chicacole Municipality for the year 1875-76.

2. The estimated receipts of the Municipality for the year 1875-76, including the balance, amount to Rupees 13,280, against Rupees 14,600 for the current year.

3. The balance, at the beginning of 1875-76, is estimated at Rupees 2,520, the amount entered in the current year's Budget as the probable balance at the end of the current year.

4. *House-tax.*—An increase of Rupees 50 is made under this head after considering the probable collection of the current year.

5. *Tax on Animals and Carriages and Registration of Carts* has been raised, one from Rupees 500 to Rupees 600, and the other from Rupees 250 to Rupees 300, on consideration of the actual collections of the first half-year of the current year.

6. *Tolls.*—The collections from tolls are estimated at Rupees 5,000, against Rupees 5,500 this year, the decrease is based on the current year's experience.

7. In the other items there is little or no increase over the current year's estimate, and it calls for no explanation. I may, however, add that the figures against the other items also have been put down after consideration of the average collections of the past year.

8. The expected total income of the Municipality is Rupees 13,280.

9. The estimated expenditure under all heads amounts to Rupees 11,030, the details of which will be given below.

10. *Grant I., Public Works.*—The Commissioners propose to spend Rupees 1,800 under the head "New Works":—

	Rs.
1. Construction of new roads	200
2. " of masonry stone drains	600
3. Petty works and reserve for unforeseen works	200
4. Wing-walls and steps on the bank of the Nangalia River to prevent certain houses from being damaged	500
5. Construction of dust-bins	200
6. " of latrines	100
Total	1,800

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(2.) The Commissioners propose to spend Rupees 1,100 under the head "Repairs." Of this sum Rupees 1,000 will be spent on keeping up the existing roads and stone drains, and Rupees 100 in repairing certain godowns in the market.

(3.) The Rupees 1,080 provided against "Establishment" include the pay of two Malttries and thirty road coolies who work constantly during the whole year (*vide* Statement II-B for further particulars). The provision under this head is no unusual charge.

(4.) The provision made for Tools and Plant (Rupees 24) is small, and calls for no explanation.

11. *Grant II., Education.*—There are no Training or Municipal Schools.

(2.) Rupees 500 have been provided under "Results Grants." This amount has been put down after consulting the Deputy Inspector of Schools, and also bearing in mind the average expenditure under this head in previous years.

(3.) As in last year, a sum of Rupees 180 has been provided on account of contribution to the Local Fund Board, Chicacole Circle, for Educational Inspection.

12. *Grant III., Sanitation, iters, Hospitals and Dispensaries.*—In the current year's Budget Rupees 2,352 have been provided for the Dispensary charges, and in the next year's Budget Rupees 2,360 have been provided. The difference is small and calls for no remarks.

(2.) *Vaccination.* Items (2) and (3) under this grant are the

(3.) *Registration of Births and Deaths.* same as in last year, and need no explanation.

(4.) *Conservancy.*—The present and the proposed charges under this head are shown below in detail:—

	Current Year.	Next Year.
	Rs.	Rs.
(a.) Establishment	2,100	2,100
(b.) Sanitary Services, Cost of Conservancy Carts, &c. ..	24	300
(c.) Cleansing of Tanks and Wells	300	100
(d.) Contingencies	360	360
Total	2,784	2,860

(5.) The Rupees 300 under "Sanitary Services" are intended for the purchase of seven or eight conservancy carts, the present carts being too old and unserviceable.

(6.) *Cleansing of Tanks and Wells.*—Rupees 100 have been provided under this head for the repair of certain public tanks and wells supplying drinking water, and for the destruction of night-birds against Rupees 300 this year. The decrease is owing to the small number of tanks and wells which will require attention next year.

(7.) *Contingencies.*—The Rupees 360 under Contingencies are for feeding bullocks, &c. This item is the same as in last year.

13. *Grant IV., Miscellaneous.*—Rupees 120 have been provided under this grant for watering streets, planting avenues, and as rewards for killing dogs, against Rupees 100 this year. The difference being small calls for no remark.

14. *Grant V.*—Under this head "Establishment" Rupees 912 are put down against Rupees 1,040 last year. The pay of the three bullock collectors, at Rupees 3 each a month, has not been included in the next year's estimate, but entered separately under the same grant. Hence the difference is only nominal.

(a.) *Auditor's fee.* (2) *Miscellaneous.*—Items (a), (b), and (c) under Miscellaneous are the same as in last year, and call for no remarks.

15. The Commissioners consider that, according to the present estimate, the year will close with a balance of Rupees 1,350 in favor of the Municipality. This balance they leave at the credit of the Municipal Fund.

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No. 167. ORDER THEREON, 18th March 1875, No. 603.

The estimates of the Berhampore Municipality for 1875-76 are compared below with those for 1874-75:—

RECEIPTS.			CHARGES.		
	1874-75.	1875-76.		1874-75.	1875-76.
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
Balance brought forward ..	2,000	2,000	Grant I.		
Assignment by Government..	10	15	New Works—		
Rate on Houses, &c.	5,200	4,500	Communications	1,080	655
Tax on Arts, &c.	125	...	Educational	1,000	1,000
Tax on Vehicles, &c.	700	700	Sanitary and Miscella- neous... ..	500	500
Registration of Carts	500	500	Repairs—		
Tolls	6,950	6,500	Communications	2,200	2,520
Fees	100	100	Sanitary and Miscella- neous... ..	100	100
Fines	120	120	Establishment	250	180
School Fees	96	480	Tools and Plant... ..	45	45
Endowments, &c.	850	850	Grant II.—		
Contribution from Local Funds	800	950	Municipal Schools	492	904
Miscellaneous	329	300	Results Grants	400	400
			Contribution for Inspection	100	200
			Grant III.—		
			Hospitals and Dispensaries.	2,250	2,250
			Vaccination	120	120
			Registration of Births and Deaths	125	120
			Conservancy	3,657	4,156
			Grant IV.—		
			Lighting	1,214	1,208
			Other Purposes... ..	224	224
			Grant V.—		
			Supervision and Manage- ment	2,102	2,212
			Balance	3,010	221
Total	18,580	17,015	Total	18,580	17,015

2. The opening balance is estimated at the same figure as that for the current year, although, so far as the figures before Government are concerned, it may fairly be expected to be larger, the amount of Rupees 3,010 appearing as a closing balance in the current year's Budget being likely to be drawn upon only to a very limited extent by the increased charge on account of the Town School. The data on which the Commissioners' estimate was based should have been stated, and the regular estimates for the current year should have been entered in the last column of Statements I. and II.

3. The decrease in the estimated receipts from House-tax is not explained. It is presumed that it is due to the arrear collections being estimated at a lower figure than in the current year.

4. The explanation furnished regarding the estimated falling off under Tolls is hardly satisfactory. The cause of the anticipated fall in the amount of the bid for 1875-76 should have been ascertained and stated.

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5. It is observed that a considerable increase is anticipated in the collections from School fees, and on the whole, there appears a net decrease of Rupees 1,565 in the estimated income of the Municipality, as compared with that for the current year.

6. With the exception of Rupees 221, the whole of the receipts are allotted to the various purposes of the Act.

7. Among New Works, the most important item is a provision of Rupees 1,000 for a new school-house.

8. The improvements reported to have been introduced in the Town School account for the increase in the allotment for Municipal Schools under Grant II.

9. The contribution to Local Funds for Inspection is put down at Rupees 200 against Rupees 100 for the current year. The President reports that the proper amount to be paid by the Municipality is under discussion, and that meanwhile it is thought proper to repeat the provision made in former years under G.O., 17th April 1872, No. 512.

10. The entertainment of an establishment for the Market is sanctioned as proposed, and the increased provision for Conservancy is approved.

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RECEIPTS			CHARGES.		
	1874-75.	1875-76.		1874-75.	1875-76.
	RS.	AS.		RS.	AS.
Rate on Houses, &c.	1,700	1,750	Grant I.		
Tax on Animals, &c.	500	600	Communications	1,000	1,000
Registration of Carts	250	300	Sanitary and Miscella- neous	1,350	800
Tolls	3,500	5,000	Repairs—		
Fees			Communications	745	1,000
Fines	50	50	Sanitary and Miscella- neous	75	100
Endowments	923	810	Establishment	1,100	1,080
Contribution from Local Funds	600	300	Tools and Plant	24	
Miscellaneous	1,220	1,345	Grant II.—		
			Results Grants	600	600
			Contribution for Inspection	150	180
			Grant III.—		
			Hospitals, &c.	2,352	2,360
			Vaccination	154	154
			Registration of Births and Deaths	180	180
			Coroner's	2,734	2,860
			Grant IV.—		
			Watering Streets	350	370
			Other Purposes		
			Grant V.—		
			Supervision and Manage- ment	1,350	1,322
			Balance	2,520	1,350
Total	14,600	13,280	Total	14,600	13,280

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11. Slight variations appear in the different items of receipts when compared with the estimates for 1874-75; but the Vice-President explains that they are justified by the actuals of the first six months of the current year.

13. The Budget is sanctioned as submitted, but the Government must again call attention to the high cost of Supervision and Management which attracted their attention when reviewing the Budget for the current year 1874-75.

(True Extract.)

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Chief Secretary.

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