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Municipal—Budget.

No. 263. Read the following letter from H. B. GRIGG, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Ootacamund, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 27th February 1875, No. 16:—

I have the honor to submit the Budget for 1875-76.

2. The funds likely to be received under the loan application now before Government have not been included, nor the expenditure on the works for which it is asked.

3. The total receipts are estimated at Rupees 27,000 against Rupees 25,600 in the current year, and Rupees 23,700 in 1873-74.

4. The opening balance is set at Rupees 100, the closing at Rupees 200.

5. *Rates and Taxes.*—From these sources the Commissioners expect to receive Rupees 17,300 against Rupees 15,840 in the Budget for the current year. The increase is mainly due to the tax on animals and vehicles, *viz.*, Rupees 1,000. There will be a slight increase under the House-tax, but a falling off under Magisterial Fines.

6. *Miscellaneous.*—The receipts from other sources are set at Rupees 9,200 against Rupees 9,370 for the current year. This is a very low figure, and the receipts may considerably exceed it under Rents and Poudrette; but it is safer to fix the estimate at the minimum. The sale of poudrette depends on the favor in which the manure is held by the Planters, and though the Budget Estimate for the current year, Rupees 2,000, will be exceeded, yet the returns may possibly not be so large next year.

7. Rupees 100 is entered under advances recoverable.

8. *EXPENDITURE. Grant I.*—To this grant Rupees 10,000 are allotted, of which Rupees 3,900 are for New Works, Rupees 4,500 for Repairs, and Rupees 1,600 for Establishment and Contingencies. Of the New Works noted in Statement II.-A, all have been taken in hand excepting the reconstruction of the road from Delisle Cottage below Stone-house to the Public Gardens. This work is of much importance, and when completed will add much to the comfort of the people residing in the neighbourhood. The road is now so bad as to be almost impassable in the wet weather. The third instalment due to the Breeks' School will probably not be discharged this year. It is therefore provided for.

Of the other works, I have only to mention the Reclamation allotment. The Commissioners are anxious to supplement the large outlay Government has

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incurred by laying out the land reclaimed as a public recreation ground. They trust during the coming year to complete the fencing, and to grass and plant a considerable portion of it. I do not refer to the water supply and the Snowdon road, as these works are to be carried out by Loan Funds. Nothing is provided for the Bazaar drainage, as the Commissioners consider that any considerable expenditure should not be incurred until the question has been dealt with systematically by the District Engineer as in Coonoor.

Under Establishment, an increase of Rupees 5 a-month to the Superintendent is provided for. The excess over the present year's expenditure is for the purchase of stock.

9. *Grant II.*—The allotment under Salary grants is to meet the monthly grant of Rupees 50 to the Brecks' Memorial School, and Rupees 26 to the Church Mission Anglo-Vernacular School. Under Results, for the Wesleyan Mission School.

10. *Grant III.*—Under Hospitals the Commissioners have allotted, as required in G.O., 10th October 1871, No. 543, Rupees 500 for the hospital. Under Conservancy, the allotment is Rupees 6,920 against Rupees 7,082 in the current year. They have allowed for the employment of an extra Maistry to be especially charged with the care of Slaughter-houses, and six extra sweepers, at an annual charge of Rupees 550. They hope to effect this by the saving likely to accrue from the use of their own cattle instead of hiring as at present. The new system is to be introduced at once.

11. *Grant IV., Lighting.*—To this object Rupees 2,800 are devoted. The Commissioners purpose raising the number of lamps, now 65, to 100 in 1875-76. Hence the large allotment.

Avenues.—The employment of two gardeners is provided for.

Water-Course.—The employment of an extra lascar is provided for on the opening of the extension to Sylk's Hotel.

Poudrette.—The estimate is based on the probable sale of 300 tons.

Grass-Farm.—The expenditure is set at Rupees 400, and provides for three gardeners; the receipts at Rupees 200, over and above the value of the grass supplied for Municipal stock. The saving resulting from this farm is approximately the difference between the cost of hiring cattle (eight yoke) and keeping them at the lowest estimate Rupees 700 a-year.

Purchase of Land.—The Commissioners have agreed to pay Rupees 500 for a piece of land below the Slaughter-houses, much required for a latrine. The owner has also claims on the Municipality for compensation on account of the water-supply channel, which has been carried through his land. Owing to several causes, the Commissioners were prevented from carrying out the arrangement sanctioned under G.O., 5th February 1874, No. 192.

12. *Grant V.*—The difference under Establishment is accounted for by the proposed raising of the Accountant's pay from Rupees 50 to 60, and the employment of an additional Writer on Rupees 10. This increase is necessary, as the Commissioners are still doing without a Manager.

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No. 264. ORDER THEREON, 31st March 1875, No. 682.

In the annexed abstract are compared the Budget Estimates for 1874-75 and 1875-76:—

RECEIPTS.	1874-75. 1875-76.		CHARGES.	1874-75. 1875-76.	
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward ...	60	100	Grant I.—		
Assignment by Government...	300	300	New Works—		
Rate on Houses, &c. ...	11,540	12,000	Communications ...	1,500	500
Tax on Vehicles, &c. ...	2,000	3,000	Educational ...	2,000	1,000
Registration of Carts ..	500	500	Sanitary and Miscella-		
Fees ...	1,600	1,700	neous ...	3,000	2,400
Fines ...	200	100	Repairs—		
Miscellaneous ...	9,370	9,200	Communications ...	2,200	4,000
Advances recoverable ...	30	100	Sanitary and Miscella-		
			neous ...	500	500
			Establishment ...	600	1,100
			Tools and Plant ...	700	500
			Grant II.—		
			Salary Grants ...	1,160	912
			Results Grants ...	100	88
			Contribution for Inspection.	50	...
			Grant III.—		
			Hospitals ...	500	500
			Vaccination ...	220	220
			Registration of Births, &c.	170	150
			Conservancy ...	7,160	7,130
			Grant IV.—		
			Lighting ...	1,454	2,800
			Other purposes...	2,190	2,800
			Grant V.—		
			Supervision and Manage-		
			ment ...	2,016	2,100
			Advances recoverable ...	30	100
			Balance ...	50	200
Total...	25,600	27,000	Total...	25,600	27,000

2. The estimated receipts show an increase over those for the current year of Rupees 1,400. Of this a sum of Rupees 1,000 is under "Tax on Vehicles" and the rest under "Rates on Houses." The President should have stated the circumstances which point to these increases.

3. Under New Works, besides the reconstruction of Delisle road at a cost of Rupees 500, an allotment of Rupees 1,000 is made for the completion of the Brecks' Memorial School building; and of Rupees 800 in connection with the reclamation scheme.

4. The proposed increase to the Conservancy Establishment, the cost of which is to be met from the saving expected in the charges now incurred in hiring bullocks, &c., is approved, as well as that proposed for Avenues, the Water-works, and Supervision and Management.

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5. The provision for Public Works Establishment is shown at Rupees 1,100 in Statement II.; but in Statement II-B it is put down at Rupees 732 only. In paragraph 8 of the President's letter the increase over the current year's provision is explained as being intended for the "Purchase of Stock." Provision for this purpose should be made under Tools and Plant and not under Establishment.

(True Extract.)

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Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Ootacamund.

- .. 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, Nilgiris.

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