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Municipal—Budget.

No. 39. Read the following letter from J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, South Arcot, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cuddalore, 11th March 1875, No. 16:—

I have the honor to submit; herewith, the Budget for the Chedambram Municipality for the year 1875-76. It only reached me yesterday. A copy was despatched to me on the 4th instant, and I fear it was one of the packets which was on its way to me on the 5th instant when the Mail was plundered near Anathur.

2. The Budget has been forwarded to me without a covering letter, but I have got such information from the Manager of the Municipal Office as has enabled me to correct the figures where necessary, and I accordingly submit it with the following remarks.

RECEIPTS. Balance.—The sum entered in the Budget forwarded to me is Rupees 3,610-10-0, but this sum appears to have been entered erroneously; being the amount of arrears of House and Land Rate Bills outstanding on the 1st instant. I have estimated the collections of these arrears during this month at Rupees 2,500, and as the cash balance in hand on the 1st March was in round numbers nearly Rupees 400, and the expenditure during the month is, the Manager informs me, likely to be as high as Rupees 1,500, owing to the necessity for paying Contractors' Bills and the cost of repairs to roads now progressing, I have calculated the balance in hand on the 1st April will be about Rupees 1,400, but to be on the safe side, I have entered the balance at Rupees 1,000 only. The surplus Pound Fund is estimated to yield Rupees 150, and the fishery rent Rupees 100.

Rates and Taxes.—The arrears of rates are estimated in the Budget as submitted to me at Rupees 3,610-10-0. As explained above there should be in round numbers about Rupees 1,000 uncollected on the 1st April. This sum added to the estimated income of Rupees 7,000, makes Rupees 8,000, instead of Rupees 10,610-10-0 as entered.

The Tax on Carriages and Animals is taken at Rupees 500, instead of Rupees 800 as in the current year's estimate.

The receipts from the Registration of Carts are estimated to amount to Rs. 500. I have struck out the Rupees 3,000 of estimated receipts from Tolls for reasons stated below. The estimate of receipts from Fees remains unaltered. The receipts from Bye-Laws and Schedule A are estimated to amount to Rupees 50 only instead of to Rupees 100 as in the current year's Budget.

The estimate of receipts from Magisterial fines is unaltered.

Interest from Funded property belonging to the Dispensary* is expected to yield Rupees 220 at $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on Rupees 4,000. The sale of Medicines is calculated to produce Rupees 50. The

grant of Rupees 10,000 from the Local Funds of the Virdachellam Circle has been sanctioned by Government.

The Municipal Commissioners in their Resolution passing the Budget express their opinion that Tolls are necessary. If the Government permit the establishment of tolls, I consider the whole nett sum collected should be paid to the Virda-

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chellam Circle Local Fund Board, who should make a grant to the Municipality for the up-keep of the roads in Chedambram over which traffic passes. This contribution I have estimated at Rupees 600 on the hypothesis that Government permit the Chedambram Municipality to levy tolls.

Credit is taken for the grant of Rupees 1,000 from the Virdachellam Local Fund Board towards the cost of the Dispensary Establishment as before, under the orders of Government as contained in G.O., of the 3rd February 1875, No. 225, Financial Department. The other items of receipts call for no remark.

The total estimated receipts amount to Rupees 22,670.

3. **EXPENDITURE.** *Grant I., New Works.*—The whole grant of Rupees 10,000 for the new Dispensary is estimated to be expended during 1875-76.

For Communications, Rupees 2,500 are entered. The roads in the town require metalling, and as metal has to be brought a long way the process is very expensive. I have reduced the Commissioners' allotment from Rupees 4,000 to Rupees 2,500 as funds are not available for any greater expenditure consistently with the other wants of the Municipality. For repairs of roads and streets the Commissioners allotted Rupees 2,000; I have been obliged to reduce this to Rupees 1,000.

Grant II., Education.—Rupees 60 for Salary grants to Noor Sahib's School and Rupees 200 for Results grants are allotted.

Grant III., Sanitation.—There is no room for in-patients in the present Dispensary, and consequently there is no charge for dieting them. The allotment of Rupees 1,102 for Hospitals and Dispensaries provides for the payment of the establishment, the cost of medicine, and of sundries and contingencies.

The Commissioners have allotted Rupees 200 for Vaccination, and from a note to that effect in the Budget appear to wish for the introduction of a Results grant system. This sum will provide for one Vaccinator on Rupees 7, and supposing he vaccinates successfully 1,500 people in the year will admit of his getting 1 Anna a head for each case, and will leave a margin for contingencies, and the extra grant of 1 Rupee per centum of successful cases per mensem, according to the Trichinopoly system.

The allotment for the Registration of Births and Deaths calls for no remark.

The provision for Conserving Establishment and Sanitary Services is increased from Rupees 3,240 to Rupees 3,372. Rupees 500 are allotted for cleansing wells and drains instead of Rupees 50 as in the current year.

Grant IV.—A commencement is to be made towards lighting the town, and an allotment of Rupees 700 is provided for lamps and lamp-lighters.

A large allotment (Rupees 500) is made for planting and watering trees by the sides of the roads in the town. These trees are much wanted and will be a great source of comfort and an ornament to the town after they are well grown.

Grant V.—The allotment for Establishments is increased from Rupees 1,236 to Rupees 1,256. This is the result of the proposed entertainment of an additional Peon on Rupees 5, and of six Toll Collectors on Rupees 5 each, instead of four on Rupees 6, and of six Toll Peons on Rupees 3 instead of four on Rupees 3½, and of a reduction of Rupees 2½ in the monthly pay of the Sweeper. The reduction in the allotment for the payment of Bill Collectors results from the change in the mode of

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payment from a percentage of 6 to a monthly salary of Rupees 7 to each of the Collectors.

4. The total estimated expenditure amounts to Rupees 22,430-10-0, leaving a small balance of Rupees 239-6-0, or Rupees 240 in round numbers.

5. I beg in conclusion to express my regret that the submission of this Budget has been so long delayed. I was quite unable, owing to the pressure of work on my hands at all times, and to my being on a tour, to superintend its preparation, and the late Acting Sub-Collector apparently took no interest in the matter; while, owing to the preparation of the Jumma-bandi accounts, its preparation, no doubt, escaped the Vice-President's attention. I will see that such delay does not occur again.

No. 40. ORDER THEREON, 3rd April 1875, No. 723.

The Budget Estimates of the Chedambram Municipality for 1875-76 submitted with the above letter are compared below with those for 1874-75:—

RECEIPTS.			CHARGES.		
	1874-75. RS.	1875-76. RS.		1874-75. RS.	1875-76. RS.
Balance brought forward ...	1,404	1,000	GRANT I.—		
Assignment by Government...	110	250	<i>New Works</i> —		
Pate on Houses, &c. ...	7,500	8,000	Communications ...	2,000	2,500
Tax on Carriages, &c. ...	800	500	Sanitary and Miscel- laneous ...	200	10,000
Registration of Carts, &c. ...	300	500	<i>Repairs</i> —		
Fees ...	200	100	Communications ...	800	1,000
Fines ...	200	250	Tools and Plant ...	100	40
Endowments, &c. ...	...	270	GRANT II.—		
Contributions from Local Funds ...	...	11,600	Salary Grants ...	...	60
Miscellaneous ...	130	200	Results Grants ...	...	200
			GRANT III.—		
			Hospitals ...	...	1,102
			Vaccination ...	90	200
			Registration of Births, &c. ...	156	150
			Conservancy ...	3,296	3,884
			GRANT IV.—		
			Lighting ...	...	700
			Other purposes ...	...	550
			GRANT V.—		
			Supervision and Manage- ment ...	3,260	2,044
			Balance ...	742	240
Total ...	10,644	22,670	Total ...	10,644	22,670

2. The regular estimates for 1874-75 should have been shown in the last column of Statements I. and II.

3. The President's estimate of the opening balance seems correct, it being presumed that no receipts were expected in March except those on account of the House and Land rate bills outstanding on the 1st idem.

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4. The large increase in the estimated receipts of the Municipality is owing to a Local Fund contribution of Rupees 10,000 for the Dispensary building, and Rupees 1,000 to meet the ordinary charges of the Institution during the year having been sanctioned in G.O., dated 3rd February 1875, No. 225.

1874-75	Rs.
1875-76	Rs.
10,611	22,670
Increase	12,026

5. The Commissioners are unanimously of opinion that Tolls should be introduced as a source of Municipal taxation, and an entry of Rupees 3,000 on that account was made in the Budget as it originally stood. The President, however, struck it out and proposed another arrangement by which the bulk of the proceeds of the toll will fall to the share of the Local Fund Board. The general question which has arisen respecting the application of the proceeds of Municipal tolls will be finally decided when the replies to G.O., dated 11th January 1875, No. 40, have been received. In the meantime, the introduction of Municipal tolls at half the maximum rates, specified in Schedule D, is sanctioned, the whole of the proceeds for 1875-76 being left at the disposal of the Commissioners. The Local Fund contribution for roads raised by the President from Rupees 250 to Rs. 600 must be struck out of the Budget, and the entry of Rupees 3,000 on account of tolls restored which will permit of the allotments for New Works and Repairs, Communications, being raised to the amounts considered necessary by the Commissioners, viz., Rupees 4,000 and Rupees 2,000, respectively.

RECEIPTS.		RS.	RS.
Balance	...	...	...
Interest	...	220	...
Contributions	...	11,000	...
Sale of Medicines	...	50	...
		11,270	
CHARGES.			
Current Charges	...	1,102	...
Allotted for Public Works	...	10,000	...
		11,102	
Balance	...	168	

6. Statement I.-A is very incorrectly prepared. The entries should be as noted in the margin. The floating balance, if any, and not the funded capital should be shown in column 4.

7. The increase in the estimated receipts from House-tax and Registration of Carts, and the decrease under Tax on Carriages should have been explained. Subject to the alterations above directed, the Budget is passed as submitted by the President.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Chedambaram.
.. Revenue Department.
.. Public Works Department.
.. Board of Revenue.
.. Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
.. Sanitary Commissioner.
.. Director of Public Instruction.
.. Accountant-General.
.. President of the Local Fund Boards, South Arcot.

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