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Municipal—Budget.

No. 107. Read the following letter from J. R. COCKERELL, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Ootacamund, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 17th February 1876, No. 9:—

I have the honor to submit the budget estimate for the Ootacamund Municipality for the year 1876-77.

The opening balance is set at Rupees 100.

2. The estimated receipts are Rupees 26,000 against an estimate of Rupees 27,000 for 1875-76. The decrease falls under the Vehicle and Cart Taxes and Allotments by Government under the Pound Fund. The falling off under Vehicles in the current year is due to the Government having left the Hills earlier than in 1874-75, so that the tax was not collected from the officers of Government for the second half-year. This may be the case again next year. The Cart-tax also did not realize the amount anticipated. This is stated to be due in part to some of the cartmen removing their headquarters to Coonoor and elsewhere.

3. *Rates and Taxes.*—From these sources the Commissioners expect to realize Rupees 16,500 against Rupees 17,300, the budget amount for the current year, and Rupees 15,840 that of 1874-75. The yield of the house-tax will probably exceed that of the current year as the remissions will be less owing to the larger period many of the houses have been occupied in the current year.

4. *Miscellaneous.*—The estimated receipts are Rupees 9,170 against Rupees 9,200 for the current year. There probably will be an increase of revenue from the market under the operation of the bye-law (G.O., dated 9th August 1875, No. 1625). This increase is weighted by a slight falling off in the receipts for private scavengering and sale of materials. The receipts from the sale of poudrette are set at Rupees 500 less than the probable yield in the current year as the demand is uncertain.

5. EXPENDITURE—*Grant I.*—To this grant Rupees 8,760 are allotted, distributed as follows: Rupees 2,250 for New Works, Rupees 4,810 for Repairs, and Rupees 1,700 for Establishment and Contingencies. The allotments under New Works (Statement II-A) are for the road from D'Lisle Cottage below Stonehouse to the Public Gardens; the payment of the balance of the building grant to the Breeks' Memorial School, which will probably not be discharged this year; the construction of the shed for ashes near the market latrine; and lastly, the grassing, &c., of the Commissioner's Hill. The first work was provided for this year, but the Commissioners were unable to begin it. An allotment was also made for the improvement of the Commissioner's Hill, but the work has been postponed until the land is fenced. No allotment has been made for the Hobart Park as the other works are more emergent and as Rupees 600 are allotted under Grant IV, being half the price of the land below Oaklands, which the Commissioners have purchased in order to include in the park all the land bordering the Upper Lake. Under Repairs the allotment for Communications is the same as for the current year. There is an increase of Rupees 100 provided for Establishment.

6. *Grant II.*—The allotment for Education is Rupees 1,200, or about 4½ per cent. of the gross income, apart from the allotment of Rupees 750 under Grant I. Rupees 600 are salary grants for the Breeks' Memorial School; Rupees 360, salary grants for the Church Mission Society's Anglo-Vernacular School; Rupees 190 are provided as sufficient for results grants, the claims being small; and the balance of Rupees 50 is for Inspection.

7. *Grant III.*—The allotment for Grant III is Rupees 7,230 against Rupees 8,000 for the current year. The saving is under Conservancy, being Rupees 6,360 against Rupees 7,130 provided for the current year. The Commissioners have effected a considerable saving by employing cattle of their own instead of hiring. The establishment remains the same. The allotment for the hospital is Rupees 500 under G.O., dated 10th October 1871, No. 543. The allotments for Vaccination and Registration remain unaltered.

8. *Grant IV.*—The allotment under this head is Rupees 6,310 against Rupees 5,600 for the current year. The lighting allotment provides for the maintenance of the existing number of lamps. The allotment for avenues includes half the pay of a maistry, the other moiety being debited to the park and farm. The farm establishment is also used on the avenues and similar work when not required at the farm. The repayment of the first instalment of the loan granted under G.O., dated 3rd September 1875, No. 1761, is provided for. The increase in the water-course establishment charge is consequent on the opening of the branch channel to Sullivan Hotel. The expenditure for [illegible] for private persons is Rupees 400 against receipts Rupees 500, the difference being the estimated profit. The establishment for poudrette manufacture is based on the probable sale of 300 tons. The item Rupees 1,400 for purchase of land is Rupees 600 referred to in paragraph 5, Rupees 750 for the site for the carriage-shed near the Church, and Rupees 50 for expense connected with the conveyances.

9. *Grant V.*—This allotment is slightly in excess of the current budget, being Rupees 2,400 against Rupees 2,100. Of the increase, Rupees 60 is for the pay of the Accountant, and the balance is for contingencies and printing, previous allotments for which objects have been too small.

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No. 108. ORDER THEREON, 12th April 1876, No. 680.

In the subjoined tables are compared the estimates of the Ootacamund Municipality as now submitted for 1876-77 and as passed for 1875-76:—

RECEIPTS.	1875-76. RS.	1876-77. RS.
Balance brought forward.	100	100
Assignments by Government..	300	100
Rates on Houses	12,000	12,000
Taxes on Arts	...	...
Taxes on Vehicles	3,000	2,600
Registration of Carts	500	200
Tolls	...	...
Fees	1,700	1,600
Fines	100	100
Endowments, &c.	...	...
Contribution from Local Funds	...	...
Miscellaneous	9,200	9,170
Advances Recoverable ...	100	130
Total ...	27,000	26,000

CHARGES.	1875-76. RS.	1876-77. RS.
GRANT I.		
New Works—		
Communications	500	500
Educational	1,000	750
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	2,400	1,000
Repairs—		
Communications	4,000	4,000
Educational	...	...
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	500	810
Establishment	1,100	1,200
Tools and Plant	500	500
Contributions to Local Funds	...	...
GRANT II.		
Training Schools	...	...
Municipal do.	...	...
Salary Grants	912	960
Results do.	88	190
Contribution to Local Funds for Educational Inspection	...	50
Miscellaneous	...	...
GRANT III.		
Hospitals and Dispensaries	500	500
Vaccination	220	220
Registration of Births and Deaths	150	150
Conservancy	7,130	6,360
GRANT IV.		
Lighting	2,800	1,360
Markets	...	60
Choultries	50	...
Avenues, &c.	400	490
Travellers' Bungalow ...	...	...
Miscellaneous	2,350	4,460
GRANT V.		
Supervision and Management	2,100	2,400
Advances Recoverable ...	100	50
Refunds	...	...
Balances	200	50
Total ...	27,000	26,000

2. The aggregate receipts are estimated at Rupees 1,000 less than in the current year, but the President explains the causes in detail. Under Grant I the total charges are decreased, but a small increase is noticeable in the establishment. Forms Nos. III and IV need not in future be submitted with the budget. With these remarks the Governor in Council passes the estimates.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Madras Council of Education.

,, Public Works Department.
,, Revenue do.
,, Board of Revenue.
,, Accountant-General.
,, Sanitary Commissioner.
,, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
,, Director of Public Instruction.
,, President of the Local Fund Board, Nilgiris.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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To

The PRESIDENT and the
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Ootacamund,
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