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No. 200. Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, North Arcot, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Palmanair, 3rd April 1876, No. 16:—

I have the honor to submit the Budget Estimate of the Vellore Municipality for the official year 1876-77, and the Vice-President's letter which accompanied it.

2. The receipts have been estimated at Rupees 46,000, and the expenditure at Rupees 41,700, leaving a closing balance of Rupees 4,300. The estimated receipts and expenditure of 1875-76 was Rupees 44,454 and 43,791, respectively.

3. The causes of the increase and decrease in receipts and expenditure are clearly given in the Vice-President's letter. But there is, however, one item of receipt which calls for remark. I refer to the proposed sale by the Municipal Commissioners of the land along the front of the Mandies in the old Mandi line. It is stated in paragraph 11 of the Vice-President's letter that the land cannot be used for any other purpose than the improvement of the frontage of those Mandies, and that the Commissioners have therefore resolved to sell it to the owners of the Mandies. I am myself very averse to the hasty and inconsiderate manner in which the Vellore Commissioners have been permanently alienating, for comparatively trifling sums, the few open sites in the already-crowded town of Vellore; but if the Government approve of the sales now proposed, I would then urge that the proposed sale of the land should be duly notified in the town by beat of tom-tom, and that the land should be publicly put up to free competition, and sold to the highest bidder on a fixed date. I am well-aware that had this course been followed from the first the Municipality would have realized by the sale of the sites of these Mandies a sum enormously larger than that which was actually received by the private sales hitherto sanctioned by the Commissioners. Some of the lands thus disposed of, I may mention, have been acquired by certain of the Native Commissioners themselves, and have been productive to them of great pecuniary advantages.

4. For the reasons explained in paragraph 14 of the Vice-President's letter, I beg to recommend, for the favorable consideration of Government, the request of the Commissioners that they should be allowed to pay half of the balance of contribution for the Palar Bridge in 1876-77, and the other half in 1877-78.

From W. P. AUSTIN, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Vellore, to W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, North Arcot, dated Vellore, 12th January 1876, No. 2.

I have the honor to forward, herewith, the Budget Estimates of this Municipality for the official year 1876-77.

2. The estimated receipts and expenditure are shown below in comparison with those of the preceding year:—

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Receipts.	1876-77.	1875-76.	Increase.	Decrease.	Net Increase.	Expenditure.	1876-77.	1875-76.	Increase.	Decrease.	Net Decrease.
Opening Balance	4,300	7,000	...	2,700	...	GRAN I.	1,000	2,000	...	1,000	...
Assignment by Government.	1,110	1,110	...	...	...	New Works	110	2,500	...	2,390	...
Surplus Pound Collections.	5	20	...	15	...	Repairs	3,842	3,786	...	444	...
House-tax	6,200	6,200	...	...	...	Establishment	100	140	...	40	...
Tax on Carriages and Animals	2,000	2,000	...	...	...	Tools and Plant	1,210	7,925	...	6,715	...
Registration of Carts	1,000	1,000	...	...	...	Contribution to Local Fund	8,615	...	8,615	...	...
Tolls	18,000	15,000	3,000	...	...	Contribution to Provincial Service	...	...	...	...	...
Fines	120	300	...	180	...	GRAN II.	950	1,000	...	50	...
School Fees	100	300	...	110	...	Municipal School	900	1,200	...	300	...
Lungerkhana	4,275	4,275	...	102	...	Results Grant	180	180	...	...	...
Civil Dispensary	2,475	2,559	...	...	...	Educational Inspection	4,300	3,300	1,000	...	...
Contribution from Local Funds for Civil Dispensary	750	750	...	...	...	Civil Dispensary	420	300	120	...	...
Rent of Municipal Market	3,500	3,000	500	...	...	Vaccination	360	400	...	40	...
Fees in Municipal Slaughter-house	400	360	40	...	...	Birth and Death Registration	9,566	9,886	...	320	...
Sale of Materials, Tools, and Plant	100	80	20	...	...	GRAN IV.	2,910	3,500	...	610	...
Sale of Land	500	...	500	...	...	Lighting	308	288	20	...	...
Sale of Sweepings of Cattle	500	400	100	...	...	Market	312	350	...	38	...
Grass Rents	320	...	320	...	...	Slaughter-house	4,275	4,200	75	...	...
Avenues	40	50	...	10	...	Lungerkhana	50	80	...	30	...
Miscellaneous	133	...	...	...	...	Other Purposes	2,256	2,256	...	...	...
Total	46,000	44,434	4,530	8,117	1,413	GRAN V.	536	500	36	...	...
						Office	41,700	43,791	9,866	11,977	...
						Miscellaneous	Total				...

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3. The total receipts amount to Rupees 46,000, the expenditure to Rupees 41,700, and the closing balance to Rupees 4,300.

4. The opening balance consists exclusively of Government Promissory Notes belonging to the Civil Dispensary and Lungerkhana, there being no balance whatever of the Municipal funds.

5. The receipt of Surplus Pound Collections in the preceding year being very small, a similar sum is estimated for the next year.

6. The farm of tolls fetched Rupees 19,400 in the previous year; but as failure of rain and prevalence of sickness affect traffic, a smaller sum of Rupees 18,000 is put in the present estimate.

7. The magisterial fines were undervalued in the last estimate, consequently they have been now increased.

8. The fees and school-fees have been calculated with reference to present income.

9. The decrease in the estimate of receipts for the Civil Dispensary is attributable to the anticipated falling off in private contributions.

10. The variations in the other items of receipts are all due to ordinary causes.

11. The land from the sale of which Rupees 500 is expected lies along the front of the Mandies in the Maudi line. It cannot be used for any other purpose than the improvement of the frontage of those Mandies. The Commissioners have therefore resolved to sell it to the owners of the Mandies.

12. The grass rents are the proceeds of grass lands in the fort and cantonment, made over to the Municipality under G.O., dated 13th April 1875, No. 584.

13. The estimate of Miscellaneous receipts comprises departmental fines, forfeitures by Contractors, recoveries for municipal properties damaged and the like.

14. In the estimates of expenditure, the large sum of Rupees 8,615 having been included to meet the demand for the balance of the share which under G.O. in the Financial Department, dated 30th June 1875, No. 1382, the Municipality has to bear in the cost of reconstructing the Palar Bridge and Rupees 1,000 to meet the charges for dieting patients in the Civil Dispensary and providing medicine for them at the present rates, the allotments for new works and repairs have been greatly curtailed, and small reductions have been made in the expenditure under other heads; but as this arrangement will prevent the construction of even petty sanitary works, and the execution of repairs to roads and buildings to the required extent, the Commissioners request to be allowed to pay half of their contribution for the Palar Bridge in the next and the other half in the following year.

15. A large portion of the amount contributed to the Local Funds in the preceding year being for special new works, the fixed amount of annual contribution alone is shown in the present estimate.

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ORDER THEREON, 25th May 1876, No. 915.

The annexed abstract exhibits the Budget Estimates of the Vellore Municipality for the year 1876-77 as compared with those for 1875-76:—

RECEIPTS.			CHARGES.		
	1875-76.	1876-77.		1875-76.	1876-77.
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward	7,000	4,300	GRANT I.		
Assignments by Government.	1,130	1,115	<i>New Works—</i>		
Rates on Houses	6,200	6,200	Sanitary and Miscella-		
Taxes on Vehicles	2,000	2,000	neous	2,000	1,000
Registration of Carts	1,000	1,000	<i>Repairs—</i>		
Tolls	15,000	18,000	Communications	1,000	110
Fees	300	120	Sanitary and Miscella-		
Fines	50	100	neous	1,500	...
Endowments, &c.	6,834	6,732	Establishment	3,786	3,342
Contribution from Local			Tools and Plant	140	100
Funds	750	750	Contributions to Local		
Miscellaneous	4,190	5,683	Funds	7,325	1,210
			Contributions to Provincial		
			Services	...	8,615
			GRANT II.		
			Municipal Schools	1,000	950
			Results Grants	1,200	900
			Contribution to Local		
			Funds for Educational		
			Inspection	180	180
			GRANT III.		
			Hospitals and Dispensaries.	3,300	4,300
			Vaccination	300	420
			Registration of Births and		
			Deaths	400	360
			Conservancy	9,886	9,566
			GRANT IV.		
			Lighting	3,500	2,910
			Markets	288	308
			Avenues, &c.	80	50
			Lungerkhana	4,200	4,275
			Miscellaneous	350	312
			GRANT V.		
			Supervision and Manage-		
			ment	2,756	2,792
			Balances	663	4,800
Total ...	44,454	46,000	Total ...	44,454	46,000

2. The opening and closing balance has been estimated at Rupees 4,300; but from the Vice-President's letter it appears that it consists exclusively of Government Promissory Notes belonging to the Civil Dispensary and the Lungerkhana under the management of the Commissioners. This amount forming the endowed capital of these institutions should appear only in Statement I-A, and should not have been shown as opening balance.

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3. The tolls were under-estimated by the Commissioners in the Budget of 1875-76, the actual receipts having amounted to Rupees 19,400 against Rupees 15,000 estimated. The Commissioners' estimate for the current year, which with reference to the unpromising character of the season is fixed at Rupees 18,000, is fair and is accepted. The variations in the other items of receipts do not call for remark.

4. With reference to the President's remarks on the alienation by the Commissioners of open grounds in certain parts of the town, the Government desire to be furnished with further information as to the extent to which this has occurred, and the authority under which this has been done. The President further states that some of these sites have been acquired by certain of the Commissioners. He will report fully on both these points at an early date.

5. Under New Works Rupees 8,615 have been provided, being the balance of contribution for the restoration of the Palar Bridge payable with reference to G.O., dated 30th June 1875, No. 1382. The Government see no reason for postponement of payment.

6. The Government disapprove the reduction in the allotment for Education from Rupees 2,380 to Rupees 2,030. Even Rupees 2,380 can hardly be considered adequate for providing elementary education for a town with a population of 38,000, and municipal income of more than Rupees 40,000. The original grant should be restored.

7. The appointment of an additional vaccinator as provided in the Budget is sanctioned.

8. Statement I-A does not appear to have been correctly prepared. The item of Rupees 2,200 which is entered as Government allowance for the Hospital in Statement I is shown as appropriation from capital in Statement I-A, and Rupees 22 given as produce of land in the latter does not appear at all in the former. These discrepancies should be explained.

9. Subject to the above remarks and the explanations called for the Budget is passed. With reference to the late date at which the Budget has been received, the Governor in Council observes that he must hold the President responsible for its punctual submission on the ensuing occasion.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commissions, North Arcot.

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

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