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Municipal—Budget.

No. 190. Read the following letter from R. W. BARLOW, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Conjeveram, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Pallicaranai, 30th March 1876, No. 35 :—

I have the honor to submit the budget of the Conjeveram Municipality for 1876-77 revised with reference to G.O., dated 12th ultimo, No. 307, Financial.

2. OPENING BALANCE.—A regular estimate for 1875-76, prepared as per actual transactions of the year, is enclosed. In this the deficit balance on the 1st April 1875 is entered at Rupees 3,343 instead of Rupees 4,099, the difference, Rupees 756, being what the Commissioners state they intended to expend in completing certain works which were in progress but were afterwards suspended under the orders of Government, Nos. 891 and 1998, dated 21st April and 11th October 1875, Financial.

3. The receipts from all sources amounted to Rupees 21,359, from which if the deficit, Rupees 3,343, be deducted, the assets available were Rupees 18,016 against an expenditure of Rupees 15,816, leaving a large balance of Rupees 2,200 on the 31st instant in favor of the Municipality, which has been taken over to the budget of the ensuing year.

4. I am glad to be able to report that, in consequence of increase under certain items of revenue on one hand, and through strict economy in expenditure and by complete stoppage of all new works and repairs on the other, it has been found practicable to clear off the liabilities and place the institution on quite a solvent footing.

5. The only item in the regular estimate calling for remark is the sum of Rupees 656, which is the difference between the salary of the Assistant Surgeon at Rupees 250 and that of the Hospital Apprentice at Rupees 72, less the Government contribution of fifty per cent., for which credit was taken with reference to paragraph 6 of G.O., No. 307, dated 12th February 1876, Financial. This grant was made by Government only "as a present measure of relief" as the institution appeared to be largely involved; but as it has, as above stated, regained its solvency, I must leave it to Government to allow or withdraw the grant.

6. RECEIPTS.—In the original budget the receipts were estimated at Rupees 16,460, which has been raised now to Rupees 22,390, the difference being made up of the items as noted below :—

Items.	As per original Budget.	As per revised Budget.
	RS.	RS.
Balance	...	2,200
Rates on Houses	7,000	7,200
Taxes on Arts, &c.	3,500	4,200
Tolls	2,200	4,500
Magisterial Fines	100	120
Hospitals	...	10
Amount payable from Chingleput Local Funds in adjustment of Tolls	...	470
Sale of Sweepings	100	120
Avenues	...	10
	12,900	18,830
Increase ...	...	5,930

7. With a view to securing sufficient funds the Commissioners have unanimously resolved to extend the profession-tax to Class VI in the schedule, and the income derivable from this source is estimated at Rupees 700. As the Municipality is solvent, I am not inclined to support this measure, which falls on the very poor.

8. The right of levying tolls during 1876-77 has been recently sold for Rupees 4,500, subject to the condition of ticket exemptions at Damul and Conjeveram; and this amount has been entered against Rupees 2,200 estimated in the original budget.

On the calculation made by the Board of Revenue regarding the adjustment of tolls, at paragraph 5 of their Proceedings reviewing the budgets of the Saidapet and Chingleput Circles for 1876-77, Rupees 470 have been credited as the value of Damul tickets to be delivered at Conjeveram and Rupees 120 debited on account of municipal tickets to be delivered at Damul. After these adjustments are made the one-third of the net municipal tolls payable to the Chingleput Local Fund Board will be Rupees 1,620,* which has been entered under Charges.

	Rs.
*Municipal tolls for 1876-77 as recently sold	4,500
Deduct—Value of Conjeveram tickets to be delivered at Damul	120
	4,380
Add—Value of Damul tickets to be delivered at Conjeveram	470
Net municipal tolls ...	4,850
One-third contribution payable to the Chingleput Local Fund	1,616

In round number, 1,620.

9. The slight increase under the other heads, being chiefly with reference to the actuals of the current year, call for no remark.

10. Charges.—*Grant* I.—With reference to the available assets, Rupees 2,500 have been provided for the completion of two roads and the construction of certain culverts, and Rupees 1,300 allotted—Rupees 1,000 for the maintenance of roads, and the balance for the repair of streets, latrines, &c. These, together with the toll contribution to the Chingleput Circle above alluded to, raise the total expenditure under Grant I to Rupees 5,540 against Rupees 230 in the original budget.

11. *Grant* II.—There is no change under Grant II.

12. *Grant* III.—The increase of Rupees 50 under Grant III is due to the salaries of the two Registrars of Births and Deaths having been raised from Rupees 7 to Rupees 9 each per mensem, in consideration, as the Commissioners state, of the "large amount of itinerant work, especially since the outbreak of cholera."

13. As regards the Assistant Surgeon, the Commissioners have resolved to retain his services, being of opinion that the same cannot be dispensed with "without the success of an important institution entrusted to their care suffering largely, and without placing themselves in opposition to the wishes of the rate-payers, who value his services," and have accordingly provided for the fifty per cent. of his salary.

14. *Grant* IV.—The pay of the eight lamp-lighters has been raised from Rupees 4 to Rupees 4½ each as it seems they "have a large range each and complain of the injurious effects of kerosene-oil upon their health." The provision

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for burners, chimneys, &c., and for contingencies has been reduced by Rupees 100 and 50, respectively. These alterations have reduced the grant from Rupees 2,790 to Rupees 2,690.

15. *Grant* V.—In addition to the increase recommended to the salary of the Head Clerk and of the Bill Collectors, the Commissioners now propose that the salary of the Accountant should also be raised from Rupees 15 to Rupees 20 per mensem, as he has been "employed in the Municipality since the Act was introduced into Conjeveram" and "has a thorough knowledge of the duties of the office and is a hard-working man."

16. As regards the changes in the office establishment, I beg to refer the Government to the remarks of Mr. Melville at paragraph 10 of his letter forwarding the budget.

No. 191. Order thereon, 23rd May 1876, No. 906.

With the above letter the President of the Conjeveram Municipality submits the revised budget estimates for 1876-77 with reference to G.O., dated 12th February 1876, No. 307.

2. The following is an abstract of the estimates as compared with those for the past year :—

Receipts.	1875-76. Rs.	1876-77. Rs.
Balance brought forward	...	2,200
Assignments by Government.	260	110
Rates on Houses	7,000	7,200
Taxes on Arts	5,000	4,200
Taxes on Vehicles	900	900
Registration of Carts	600	600
Tolls	5,000	4,500
Fees	200	100
Fines	100	120
Endowments, &c.	...	10
Contribution from Local Funds	1,800	2,270
Miscellaneous	150	180
Total ...	21,010	22,390

Charges.	1875-76. Rs.	1876-77. Rs.
Grant I.		
New Works—		
Communications	...	2,500
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	3,450	...
Repairs—		
Communications	3,000	1,200
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	200	100
Tools and Plant	30	...
Contributions to Local Funds	...	1,740
Grant II.		
Results Grants	1,350	1,350
Contribution to Local Funds for Educational Inspection	100	100
Grant III.		
Hospitals and Dispensaries	2,680	3,460
Vaccination	240	290
Registration of Births and Deaths	170	220
Conservancy	5,430	5,420
Grant IV.		
Lighting	2,710	2,580
Avenues, &c.	110	110
Grant V.		
Supervision and Management	1,400	1,680
Balances	140	1,640
Total ...	21,010	22,390

3. It is satisfactory to observe that the Commissioners have been able to pay all their liabilities and to place their funds on a solvent footing, the present budget opening with a balance of Rupees 2,200. The temporary relief sanctioned in paragraph 6 of G.O., dated 12th February 1876, No. 307, in regard to the pay of the Assistant Surgeon in charge of the dispensary, will now be withdrawn, the reasons which led to the concession no longer existing.

4. There is a slight increase estimated under the house-tax with reference to the last year's actual receipts. The increase of Rupees 700 under the profession-tax is due to the proposed extension of the tax to Class VI of the schedule. This proposal is not supported by the President, and as there is a large closing balance left in the budget there appears to be no necessity at present for the imposition of additional taxation. The proposal will accordingly be disallowed. The amount put down under Tolls is the actual sum for which the farm has been leased out for the current year. The other items of receipts do not call for remark in detail.

5. Under Grant I Rupees 1,740 have been provided as the share of the tolls payable to the Local Fund Board of the Chingleput Circle. The amount has been correctly calculated. For Education the last year's grant has been repeated. The Government note that the Commissioners have resolved to retain the services of the Assistant Surgeon, being of opinion that they cannot dispense with them without placing themselves in opposition to the wishes of the rate-payers. The arrangement is approved.

6. The Government sanction also the increase proposed in the salaries of the Registration, Lighting, and Office establishments.

7. With the above remarks the budget is passed.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Conjeveram.
,, 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 Board, Chingleput District.

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE
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