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No. 192. Read the following letter from W. LOGAN, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Cochin, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Calicut, 23rd March 1876, No. 38:—

I have the honor to forward the Budget Estimates of the Cochin Municipality for 1876-77.

2. You will observe that the Commissioners anticipate a small reduction in their receipts and charges for the ensuing year due to the fact that they don't expect to end the current year with a balance in hand. I am of opinion that all Municipalities should be obliged to provide in their annual Budgets for a small Reserve Fund which should not be made available for expenditure *within the year, without the special sanction of Government.* For, two at least of the Municipalities in this district have found themselves short of funds at the end of the year, and in one of them, I understand, the employés were without pay for some months. Taxes do not come into the Treasury much before June in each year, and if a small Reserve Fund were, as I propose, provided annually, there would always be at the close of the year a small sum at the Municipal Commissioners' disposal which would enable them to tide over the slack season. The Cochin Commissioners, you will observe, don't anticipate any opening balance and have not provided for any closing one.

3. The Commissioners propose to effect a reduction in the salaries of their Schoolmasters, and to expend an additional amount on Conservancy. As already reported in my letter, No. 33, dated 3rd February 1876, I am of opinion that the sanitation of the town will never be put on a proper footing until the precincts of the Calvetty canal have been thoroughly cleansed; and I take this opportunity of again bringing the subject of the above letter to notice.

From G. BRUNTON, Esq., Municipal Commissioner, Cochin, to W. LOGAN, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Cochin, dated Cochin, 1st February 1876, No. 120.

In explaining the variation of receipts and expenditure in the Budget Estimate for 1875-76, as compared with those of the previous year, the Commissioners have the honor to state that there is a decrease of Rupees 970 in the whole. This is owing to the opening balance at the close of the current year being expected to be less than that of the past year.

2. *Surplus Pound Fund.*—Decrease Rupees 39. As it has been ruled that the Municipality is to get only one-half of the nett collections of the Pounds, a reduction on the estimate has been necessary.

3. *Ferry Rent.*—Increase Rupees 150, owing to higher rent being expected to be realized for 1875-76.

4. *House-tax.*—Increase Rupees 100, due to the valuation of a few properties having been raised.

5. *Profession-tax.*—Require no remarks.

6. *Tax on Carriages and Animals.*—The same as last Budget.

7. *Registration of Carts.*—Decrease Rupees 50, attributable to a gradual diminution in wheel traffic.

8. *License Fees.*—Increase Rupees 40, owing to a rise in the fish-oil and dried fish trades.

9. *Fines.*—Decrease Rupees 10, estimated with reference to the actual receipts in the current year.

10. *School Fees.*—Decrease Rupees 160, estimated with reference to the actual collection during the current year.

11. *Dispensary.*—Decrease Rupees 210, owing to several subscribers having discontinued their subscriptions.

12. *Travellers' Bungalow.*—Decrease Rupees 50, attributable to a falling off of late in the number of travellers.

13. *Fish Markets.*—Increase Rupees 90, due to an additional market having been opened.

14. GRANT I.—Only Rupees 1,200 have been provided in 1875-76 for the *Public Works*, as no more money was available, showing a decrease of Rupees 1,620 from the previous year. In 1874-75 only Rupees 700 were provided, but subsequently the amount was increased to Rupees 2,820 by the sanction of Rupees 2,120 against the Profession-tax.

15. GRANT II.—Increase Rupees 200, attributable to the School-house having to be repaired and thatched.

16. GRANT III.—*Dispensary.*—Increase Rupees 170, solely due to provision made to meet any extra expense in case of any extraordinary sickness [illegible] in the place.

Registration of Births and Deaths.—Increase Rupees 10, is too small to call for any remark.

Vaccination.—Increase Rupees 20, is too small to call for any remark.

Conservancy.—The same as last Budget.

17. GRANT IV.—*Lighting.*—The same as last Budget.

Watering Streets and Planting Avenues.—Increase Rupees 250, attributable to the intended improvement of avenues and to the watering of streets.

Travellers' Bungalow.—The same as last Budget.

18. GRANT V.—The same as last Budget.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
23rd May 1876.

No. 193. ORDER THEREON, 23rd May 1876, No. 908.

In the subjoined abstract are compared the estimates of the Cochin Municipality for the years 1875-76 and 1876-77 :—

RECEIPTS.	1875-76. Rs.	1876-77. Rs.
Balance brought forward.	500	...
Assignments by Government ..	2,390	2,400
Rates on Houses	4,500	4,600
Taxes on Arts	2,120	2,000
Taxes on Vehicles	150	150
Registration of Carts	50	80
Fees	160	160
Fines	40	40
Endowments, &c.	1,870	1,450
Miscellaneous	1,600	1,700
Total ...	12,880	12,580

CHARGES.	1875-76. Rs.	1876-77. Rs.
GRANT I.		
New Works—		
Communications	100	...
Sanitary and Miscellaneous...	200	500
Repairs—		
Communications	700	300
Sanitary and Miscellaneous...	200	220
Establishment		180
GRANT II.		
Municipal Schools	3,380	2,790
GRANT III.		
Hospitals and Dispensaries	2,970	2,970
Vaccination	190	180
Registration of Births and Deaths	150	150
[illegible]	2,000	2,400
GRANT IV.		
Lighting	750	760
Avenues, &c.	250	140
Travellers' Bungalow ...	200	200
Miscellaneous	100	100
GRANT V.		
Supervision and Management	1,690	1,690
Total ...	12,880	12,580

2. No opening balance is estimated. The figures given for comparison in Statements 1 and 2 for 1875-76 are those of the sanctioned estimates for that year. In future the regular estimates ascertained with reference to the actual balance at the commencement of the year and the probable receipts and expenditure calculated with reference to actuals so far as known should be entered.

3. With reference to the President's remarks in paragraph 3, the Governor in Council observes that if the President disapproved of the Budget being framed without a closing balance, it rested with him to modify it. The Government do not at present see any necessity for prescribing a general rule regarding the closing balances in Municipal Budgets.

4. The several sources of receipts exhibit but slight variations, and these are fully explained in the Vice-President's letter.

5. It is observed that it is proposed to reduce the pay of the Schoolmasters in the Municipal School and at the same time to increase the allotment for Conservancy. The Governor in Council is opposed, as a rule, to any provision for

Education being curtailed, but in Cochin the assignment has from the first been somewhat out of proportion, and the Government will not object to the reduction. The other charges proposed are nearly the same as those for the past year and are approved.

6. The entries in Statement I-A regarding receipts on account of the Dispensary do not seem to correspond with entries in Statement I. The discrepancy should be explained.

7. Subject to the above remarks and the explanations called for the Budget is passed.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Cochin.
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,, Revenue Department.
,, Board of Revenue.
,, Accountant-General.
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