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Municipal—Budget.

No. 210. Read the following letter from J. R. COCKERELL, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Coonoor, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 29th March 1876, No. 21 :—

I have the honor to submit, herewith, the Budget Estimate of the Coonoor Municipality for 1876-77.

2. The enclosed letter from the Vice-President explains the variations as compared with the probable expenditure of the current year.

From Surgeon-Major C. A. ANDREWS, Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Coonoor, to J. R. COCKERELL, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Nilgiris, dated Coonoor, 7th March 1876, No. 133.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 11, of the 21st instant, returning the Budget Estimate for 1876-77, and beg to send herein a revised Budget as desired, and I have much pleasure in affording the explanation of variations as compared with the probable expenditure of the current year.

1. RECEIPTS.—The opening balance of Rupees 2,734 results from the unexpended allotments for Public Works.

2. Taxes on houses are estimated at a slight increase for the year 1876-77, as a few new houses will have to be assessed. The large item for the year now closing includes the arrears of previous years now recovered.

3. Certain of the estimated taxes on vehicles were considered to be doubtful of recovery, but after more recent inquiry it is found that, owing to the large number of visitors shortly expected, it would be justifiable even to increase the estimate for the present year and to budget the same figures for the year about to open.

4. Market tolls are expected to improve after the building of the market sheds now in progress.

5. Slaughter-house fees are placed at the same figure as in 1875-76.

6. Sale of sweepings, &c., the Commissioners are afraid will not realize as much as in the present year, as the present Contractor complains that he has lost by the contract.

7. The apparent increase of slaughter-house fees and sale of sweepings in the Budget for 1876-77 is accounted for by a portion of each item having been credited in 1874-75 when closing the contracts for 1875-76.

1. EXPENDITURE.—The increase under major heads 1 and 2 is deemed necessary in 1876-77 in order to provide for better up-keep of the roads, drains, &c.

2. The decrease of Conservancy Establishment compared with 1875-76 is owing to the employment of extra sweepers at the outbreak of cholera in August 1875.

3. The item for market buildings is just the sum expected as a loan and budgeted as probable expenditure on sheds to be built.

4. Advances are higher in 1875-76 on account of permanent advance for building market sheds. There will therefore be a difference in 1876-77 in this item, which will also affect the receipts of the latter year under this head.

5. Balance carried forward is purposely designed to be as large as it is, as the drainage and water supply need improvement and funds will be required.

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No. 211. ORDER THEREON, 26th May 1876, No. 922.

The estimates of the Coonoor Municipality for the years 1875-76 and 1876-77 are compared in the annexed abstract:—

RECEIPTS.			CHARGES.		
	1875-76.	1876-77.		1875-76.	1876-77.
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward	500	2,734	GRANT I.		
Assignments by Government..	...	60	New Works—		
Rates on Houses	2,930	3,000	Communications	250	500
Taxes on Arts	50	...	Sanitary and Miscella-		
Taxes on Vehicles	700	800	neous	...	500
Registration of Carts	60	60	Repairs—		
Fees	100	170	Communications	2,070	2,500
Fines	250	300	Sanitary and Miscella-		
Contribution from Local			neous	2,000	600
Funds	1,820	1,500	Tools and Plant	100	160
Miscellaneous	5,025	13,622	GRANT II.		
Advances Recoverable ...	...	600	Results Grants	200	200
			Contribution to Local		
			Funds for Educational		
			Inspection	50	50
			GRANT III.		
			Hospitals and Dispensa-		
			ries	400	400
			Vaccination	180	180
			Registration of Births and		
			Deaths	60	60
			Conservancy	2,804	3,186
			GRANT IV.		
			Lighting	750	666
			Markets	...	7,538
			Avenues, &c.	50	100
			Miscellaneous	...	886
			GRANT V.		
			Supervision and Manage-		
			ment	2,354	1,844
			Advances Recoverable ...	...	100
			Refunds	...	300
			Balances	167	3,076
Total ...	11,435	22,846	Total ...	11,435	22,846

2. The opening balance, which is stated to consist of the unexpended allotments for Public Works for last year, appears to have been correctly calculated. The aggregate receipts are estimated at nearly double the amount for last year, but this is the result mainly of the large opening balance (Rupees 2,734) and of the loan from Government for the market Rupees 7,248, as sanctioned in G.O., dated 8th September 1875, No. 1792. There is a slight increase estimated in the receipts from taxation, &c., the reasons being fully explained in the Vice-President's letter.

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3. The Government observe that in Statement II the total of Grant IV does not correspond with the particulars entered, the difference being Rupees 7,248. This is doubtless owing to the omission to enter that sum under "Market—Buildings," being the loan amount. The entry however of market buildings as a sub-head of Grant IV is incorrect, and it should be transferred to Grant I. For Education the current year's grant is repeated, but the amount—250 Rupees out of an income of Rupees 1, 90—is wholly inadequate, and the attention of the Commissioners will be drawn to the subject. The other charges do not call for remark in detail.

4. The closing balance is large, but it is explained that this is left so advisedly as funds will be required in the ensuing year for drainage and other works.

5. With the above remarks the Budget is passed.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Chief Secretary

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Coonoor.

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

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