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No. 223. Read again Proceedings of Government in the Financial Department, dated 4th April 1876, No. 628.

From J. H. MASTER, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Bellary, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Bellary, 22nd December 1875, No. 127.

I have the honor to submit the estimates of the Bellary Municipality for the ensuing year 1876-77.

2. The expected income differs but slightly from that of the preceding year. The proposed expenditure is less by nearly a thousand Rupees.

3. The Vice-President's covering letter is enclosed. It will be observed that the Commissioners earnestly protest against the contribution of Rupees 6,000 which they have been ordered by G.O., No. 1825, dated the 11th September last, to make to the Local Fund Circle, as being one-third of the expected proceeds of tolls. They have therefore budgeted for one of Rupees 2,000 only, the sum they agreed to give, and the sum the Local Fund Board agreed to accept. They trust the Government will sanction this latter arrangement.

4. As it is, the resources of the Municipality are so much less than they used to be, that it is with the utmost difficulty that provision is made for any necessary new works.

5. In the present budget, a small sum of Rupees 3,500 has been entered under New Works, to provide for certain necessary slaughter-sheds, drains, &c. If the higher rate of contribution however be insisted upon these must all be foregone.

6. The erection of latrines has been for years a crying want, but the Commissioners are unable to do anything, and they are moreover precluded from asking for a loan from Government to provide for them, as, by a late ruling, loans cannot be granted except for works which will be remunerative.

7. The consideration of the erection of a dispensary is still in abeyance on account of the non-receipt of the revised standard plan, but I do not see myself how the necessary funds for it can ever be supplied.

From Major N. SWANSTON, Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Bellary, dated Bellary, 15th December 1875, No. 448.

I have the honor to submit the Budget Estimates of this Municipality for the year 1876-77, framed in accordance with G.O., No. 1646, dated 28th October 1871, together with the abstract estimate for the above year, called for in G.O., No. 1190, dated 2nd June 1875.

II. The probable receipts for the period under consideration are estimated at Rupees 61,310 as against Rupees 62,320, the probable receipts in the current year.

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26th June 1876. No. 1166.*

III. The several heads of receipts are taken in detail as follows.

IV. 2. *Assignments and Allotments by Government*—(a.) *Surplus Pound Fund*.—The amount of Rupees 80 has been entered, estimated on the actual receipts in the years 1873, 1874, and 1875.

2. (d.) *Maintenance of Cantonment Roads.*—The amount of Rupees 4,660 entered is that fixed by Government in their Order, No. 2989, dated 22nd September 1868, to be paid annually to the Commission for the maintenance of the "Cantonment roads" transferred to them under the above order.

V. 3. *Rates and Taxes*—(a.) *Rate on Houses, &c., Section 40.*—The amount of Rupees 20,000 shown has been estimated on the actuals for 1874-75, and which amount will most probably not vary very much for some years.

(c) *Taxes on Vehicles, &c., Section 63.*—An amount of Rupees 7,900 has been estimated for, based on the receipts for the current year, obtained by doubling those of the first six months.

(d.) *Registration of Carts, Section 73.*—The amount of Rupees 1,130 put down is estimated on the same principle as that stated in the foregoing paragraph.

(e) *Tolls, Section 77.*—The amount of Rupees 18,670 put down under this head is based on the actuals for the last three years.

(g.) *Magisterial Fines, Section 17.*—Rupees 2,000 has been budgeted, based on the actuals for the first six months of the current year. The probable large increase under this head is due mainly to the activity of the Police in prosecuting cases under the Act and Bye-laws.

VI. *Fees in Schools and Training Institutions.*—The amount of Rupees 800 estimated for is based on the actuals for the first six months of the current year being doubled *plus* Rupees 600 the probable receipts of fees from the New Town School, the latter amount calculated on a hundred boys paying fees of three-quarters, half, and a quarter of a Rupee, average Annas 8 per head, making a total of Rupees 600 at Rupees 50 per mensem for twelve months.

VII. 5. *Endowments and Sundry Contributions and Donation*—(a.) *Hospitals*.—The amount Rupees 850 entered is based on the actuals for the last three years.

VIII. 6. *Contributions from Local Funds—(c.) Hospitals.*—This amount of Rupees 1,200 has been entered, being the sum agreed upon by the Local Fund Boards to be paid to the Municipality towards the upkeep of the dispensary.

IX. 7. *Miscellaneous*—(a.) *Markets*.—Under this item nothing has been allotted. The expectations of the Commissioners, as expressed in paragraph 30 of the last year's report with reference to the use of the market, have been sadly disappointed and regretted so, owing to the ruling of the High Court which has negatived the hitherto presumed right of the Commissioners to prevent the sale of marketable articles in places other than those which they might set apart for such purpose.

Hence buildings which cost in the aggregate Rupees 14,500 are now unprofitably lying on their hands.

7. (b.) *Rents and Fees in Municipal Slaughter-houses.*—The amount, Rupees 720, is based on the actuals for the first six months for the current year being doubled.

7. (c.) *Sale of Sweeping, Section 98.*—The amount of Rupees 1,000 has been put down based on the actuals for the current year.

X. 9. The other items under head 7, "Miscellaneous," call for no remarks.

XI. The expenditure is estimated at Rupees 61,323, with a closing balance of Rupees 17, and which is remarked upon in detail as follows:—

XII. GRANT I—*Public Works*—1, *New Works*—(b.) *Educational*.—The sum of Rupee 1,500 has been allotted for the erection of a veranda to the New Town School, which building has lately been otherwise completed.

1. (c.) *Sanitary and Miscellaneous*.—Rupees 2,000 has been allotted for the construction of drains, erection of a slaughter-house in Brucepettah, and general reconstruction of the band stands in Brucepettah.

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2. *Repairs*—(a.) *Communications*.—The sum of Rupees 7,000 has been allotted for the repair of roads; this sum is barely sufficient to keep the large number of roads within the Municipality in a proper state, some of the main lines of thoroughfare requiring metalling as well as gravel.

2. (b) *Educational*.—The sum of Rupees 100 has been allotted for the repair of the Town School, &c.

2. (c.) *Sanitary and Miscellaneous*.—The sum of Rupees 300 has been allotted for the repair of bridges, culverts, drains, &c.

3. *Establishment.*—The sum of Rupees 3,132 has been allotted, the necessary reductions being made agreeably to the orders of Government in Order, No. 420, dated 23rd February 1875, on the Budget for 1875-76, paragraph 9.

4. *Tools and Plant and Contingencies.*—The sum of Rupees 900 has been allotted owing to a new equipment of tools being necessary, the stock remaining on hand being unserviceable.

5. *Contribution to Local Funds.*—The sum of Rupees 2,000 has been allotted to be paid over to the Bellary Local Fund Circle on account of repairs of roads. The orders of Government, No. 1825, dated the 11th September 1875, direct that one-third of the tax derived by the Municipality from tolls, &c., or a sum equivalent to Rupees 6,000, shall be made over to the Local Fund Boards for the repairs of roads.

To this ruling the Commissioners unanimously most respectfully yet most firmly beg leave to demur.

The appropriation of such a large amount of their income will cripple their expenditure to such an extent as to preclude the possibility of absolutely necessary works being carried out. The present Budget shows that want of funds prevents anything but a very meagre allotment being made towards new works.

Moreover the sum originally agreed to by the Commissioners to be made over to the Local Fund, *viz.*, Rupees 2,000, was accepted by that body without any question being raised as to its insufficiency.

XIII. GRANT II—*Educational*—2. (a.) *Municipal Schools, Establishment*.—The sum of Rupees 1,464 has been allotted for the payment of seven schoolmasters, *viz.*, four Mahomedan and three for the Town School; the latter on salaries of Rupees 35, 20, and 15 per mensem, and also two servants on Rupees 8 per mensem.

(b.) The sum of Rupees 450 has been allotted for the purchase of books and stationery &c., for the schools.

3. *Salary Grants.*—The sum of Rupees 800 has been allotted in anticipation of an increase against the amount of Rupees 580 in the current year's budget paid to the under-mentioned schools :

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Rev. Mr. Doyle's	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	0	0		Monthly
" Lys'	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	0	0		Do.
" Haines'	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	6	8		Do.
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	48	6	8		

4. *Results Grants*.—The sum of Rupees 1,000 has been allotted; this amount is repeated year by year; the payment on account of results is increasing annually, the current year's payment will most likely be Rupees 800, the actual payments on seventeen bills up to date being Rupees 725.

5. *Contribution to Local Fund for Educational Inspectorate.*—The sum of Rupees 20 has been allotted, being a repetition of the amount for the last three years.

6. *Miscellaneous*.—The sum of Rupees 50 has been allotted for payment to the Examiner of the Mahomedan Schools, in accordance with G.O., No. 1818, dated 10th September 1875 : the amount is considered adequate, 40 Rupees only having been paid in the current year for the above purpose.

XIV. GRANT III—*Sanitation and Medical Service*.—The sum of Rupees 5,319 has been allotted based on the actuals of the first six months of the current year.

2. *Vaccination Establishment*.—The sum of Rupees 456 has been allotted, the same as the current year, and Rupees 200 for Contingencies.

3. *Registration of Births and Deaths*.—The sum of Rupees 504 has been allotted, the same as the current year.

4. (a.) *Conservancy Establishment*.—The sum of Rupees 11,298 has been allotted, the increase above the estimate for the current year is owing to the contract system of cleansing latrines having been abolished and the work carried out departmentally. The Commissioners were urged to the necessity of adopting this step on account of the highly unsatisfactory manner in which the Contractors performed the work, notwithstanding the heavy fines imposed by the Commissioners.

4. (b.) *Conservancy—Sanitary—Cost of Conservancy Carts, &c.*—The sum allotted less than the amount of estimate for the current year arises in consequence of the cost of cleaning latrines under the contract system having been charged under this head; but under the present system it is a charge falling rightly under 4 (a.) Establishment, being worked departmentally by menials who are municipal servants; the increase and decrease under (a.) Establishment and (b.) Sanitary cost, &c., is thus explained. Under this head a monthly payment of Rupees 45 towards the conservancy of the British Infantry Barracks has been included, such a charge having been agreed to by the Commissioners in their Resolution, No. 2, of the 2nd November 1875. The other items under (c.), (d.), (e.), and (f.) do not call for any special remark.

XV. GRANT IV—*Miscellaneous Municipal Purposes*—1 (a.) *Lighting*.—Rupees 900 has been allotted the same as the current year, whilst under (b.) Contingencies the sum of Rupees 2,000 only has been allotted, the decrease in this item being consequent on kerosene oil being procured at lower rates than in previous years, and the abandonment for the present of the intention to procure a further number of iron lamp-posts.

2. *Markets*—(a.) *Establishment*.—The sum of Rupees 72 has been allotted against the current Budget Estimate of Rupees 324 for the payment of a peon to look after the buildings, the difference being explained in remarks under paragraph IX, 7 (a.).

4. *Watering Trees, &c.*—The sum of Rupees 2,494 has been allotted estimate based on the actuals estimated for 1875-76.

5. *Travellers' Bungalow*—(a.) *Establishment*.—The usual sum of Rupees 126 has been allotted together with the sum of Rupees 50 for (b.) Contingencies.

6. *Maintenance for Lunatics*.—The sum of Rupees 450 has been budgeted for under G.O., No. 780, dated 16th May 1873, nothing having been allotted to this head in the current year's accounts. The present estimate has been framed from the actual payments made up to date in which however some arrears are included, thus accounting for the difference of Rupees 100 between the estimated expenditure in 1875-76 and that of 1876-77.

XVI. GRANT V—*Superintendence and Management*—1 (a.) and (b.).—The sum of Rupees 5,172 has been allotted, being nearly the same amount as that of the current year.

2. The usual amount of Rupees 200 has been allotted for remuneration to annual Auditor.

The Government regret that they cannot modify the existing orders regarding tolls. The Commissioners must bear in mind that the toll-bars are by the orders of Government to be regarded as erected for the mutual convenience and profit of themselves and the Local Board who act as trustees of the highways.

2. The Budget is returned for revision with reference to this item.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

Read also the following papers:—

No. 223-A. From J. H. MASTER, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Bellary, 21st March 1876, No. 24.

With my letter, No. 127, dated the 22nd December 1875, I had the honor to submit the Budget Estimates of the Bellary Municipality for 1876-77.

2. They have not yet been sanctioned, and I have now received a letter from the Vice-President requesting that certain changes may be made in the proposals originally made. The Vice-President's letter is submitted in original.

3. The Commissioners are desirous of attending to a greater degree than at present to private scavenging, and to do this the construction of a number of scavenger's carts is necessary. They are also desirous of establishing urinals about the native town.

4. Funds however for this purpose are not sufficient, unless a saving from other sources is effected. The particulars of these savings are detailed in the Vice-President's letter, and I have the honor to request that the Government will be pleased to sanction the allotments as now proposed.

From H. T. ROSS, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary, dated Bellary, 17th March 1876, No. 619.

I have the honor to forward copies of (a) Resolution No. 3, dated 22nd February 1876, (b) report of the Sub-Committee in accordance therewith, and (c) Resolution No. 5, dated 7th instant, passed by the Commissioners on this report, and to request you will obtain the sanction of Government to certain changes in the Budget Estimates for 1876-77, submitted with this office letter, No. 448, dated 15th December 1875.

2. The changes required now are as follow:—

(i.) GRANT I. PUBLIC WORKS—*New Works—Sanitary and Miscellaneous*.—The allotment to be reduced from Rupees 2,000 to Rupees 1,000, making a saving of Rupees 1,000.

(ii.) GRANT I. PUBLIC WORKS—3, *Establishment*.—The cost of establishment to be reduced from Rupees 3,132 to Rupees 972, making a saving of Rupees 2,160.

(iii.) GRANT I.—4, *Tools and Plant, &c.*—The charge on this account to be reduced from Rupees 900 to Rupees 400, making a saving of Rupees 500.

(iv.) GRANT III.—1 (a) *Hospitals and Dispensaries, Establishment*.—The cost of establishment to be reduced from Rupees 3,149 to Rupees 2,699, making a saving of Rupees 450.

(v.) GRANT III.—4 (c) *Removing Privately-ear*.—The allotment to be reduced from Rupees 500 to 250, making a saving of Rupees 250.

(vi.) GRANT IV.—4, *Watering Trees and planting Avenues*.—The separation of the charges under establishment and contingencies to be done away with and the total grant to be reduced from Rupees 2,494 to Rupees 1,894, making a saving of Rupees 600.

These items make a total saving of Rupees 4,960, which sum is to be added to the grant of Rupees 9,900 under Grant III, 4 (b) *Sanitary Services*, raising the amount of this grant to Rupees 14,860.

3. The object of these changes is to enable the Commissioners to provide the necessary number of filth carts for the removal of night soil, &c., from private houses, as required by Sections 96 and 97 of the Act, and if the funds set free under the above-mentioned heads suffice to make provision for the construction of some public urinals as directed in Section 105. The reason why it is proposed to enter the total savings in one lump sum under Grant III., 4, (b) Sanitary Services at present is that the Commissioners are looking out for a good pattern of filth cart, and are not in a position at once to say what the cost of the necessary number of twenty carts (*vide* Report of Sub-Committee) for the two native towns will be. Any thing left over after providing for the purchase and maintenance of twenty carts will be utilized in the construction of urinals and entered under Grant I., (i.) New Works, Sanitary and Miscellaneous.

4. The provision of these carts and urinals is absolutely necessary for the sanitation and cleanliness of Bruce Pettah and Cowl Bazaar. The use of the word "shall" in Sections 96, 97, and 105 of the Act makes evident what already stood to reason that the Commissioner's first duty is to provide absolute necessities as long as there are funds available for any thing, and it is clear that they have no option in the matter. Even if they had any option in the matter, the urgent necessity of the case calls for immediate action. Filth carts are provided by the Municipality for private houses in the cantonment and for the different regiments, but nothing has been done for the native towns which are the very portions of the Municipality that require them most. Cleanliness in the bazaars is simply impossible in the present state of things, and the continued want of really effective sanitation is a reproach to the Municipality which the Commissioners are now desirous of removing. The Commissioners have resolved to undertake the private scavenging of the town from the commencement of the year, and this measure with the provision of filth carts will secure the desired remedy.

5. In making the reductions mentioned in paragraph 2, care has been taken to cut only those grants which could afford it. In the Public Works Grant the allotment for drains, establishment, and tools have been cut. There is in hand a large quantity of paving stones for drains which will suffice to make an ample extension of pukka drains in the year, and as there is also a sufficient provision (Rupees 7,000) for the repair of roads, the drains will be constructed by the road gangs as they get along with the roads. The reduction in establishment is to be effected by the abolition of the permanent road gangs for the year. Their outturn of work is not altogether satisfactory, and the provision for road repairs (almost the only work the permanent gangs do) is already sufficient to cover necessary repairs without improvements in the way of regular reconstruction. As new works are so few, the purchase of a new supply of tools can with safety be deferred for another year. The sum of Rupees 450 saved under Hospital Establishment is an absolute saving, owing to the Municipality having been relieved of the payment of Civil Dispensary allowance to the Garrison Surgeon since a Civil Surgeon was appointed to Bellary. An allotment of Rupees 250 for the removal of prickly-pear will be sufficient to keep down what has been removed within the last two or three years without making any fresh clearances. The establishment of carts and cart boys sanctioned for the maintenance of avenues is not necessary during the rainy months, and without extending operations, a saving of Rupees 600 can safely be made so as yet to admit of the proper maintenance of all existing young trees and avenues.

No. 224. From J. H. MASTER, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Ramandrug, 23rd May 1876, No. 34.

With reference to G.O., Financial Department, No. 628, dated the 4th ultimo, I have the honor to resubmit the Budget Estimates of the Bellary Municipality for the year 1876-77.

2. The Vice-President's covering letter is full and sufficiently explanatory. Provision has been made for handing over to the Local Fund Board one-third

nearly of the proceeds from tolls. This large contribution has necessarily crippled the Commissioners, who, thinking it to be their duty to carry out some new works which are very urgently required, have felt themselves compelled, as the only alternative, to cut down the provision for the repair of roads to Rs. 5,000.

When it is remembered that the number of miles of road in the Municipality amounts to between thirty and forty, it will be evident that the grant is wholly insufficient. The wear and tear are great in a large town like Bellary, and the station roads which hitherto have been admirable driving roads will, I am afraid, not long retain their good character. I beg however that the Budget may, as now submitted, be passed.

From H. T. ROSS, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary, dated Bellary, 16th May 1876, No. 134.

I have the honor to submit the Budget Estimates of this Municipality for the year 1876-77, revised in accordance with G.O., No. 628, dated 4th April 1876.

2. I have taken the opportunity of embodying the changes in the former Budget resolved on by the Commissioners in their Proceedings No. V, dated 7th March last, regarding which I have already addressed you in my letter, No. 619, dated 17th March.

3. The year 1875-76 having closed, the figures in column 3 of Statements I. and II. are not regular estimates, but actuals in round numbers.

4. The actual opening balance is Rupees 400. The total estimated receipts for 1876-77, exclusive of this balance, amount to Rupees 63,710. The actual revenue in 1875-76, excluding an opening balance of Rupees 2,000, came to Rupees 60,250. An increase in revenue, amounting to Rupees 3,360, is therefore expected in 1876-77 as compared with 1875-76. This increase is owing to a favorable sale of the toll contract, to the collection of additional school-fees consequent on the opening of the new Town School, to favorable renting of the Municipal slaughter-houses, to the introduction of private scavenging in a portion of the town, and to the levying of the fee on grain merchants sanctioned in G.O., No. 559, dated 23rd March 1876. The receipts on account of school fees and private scavenging, however, make only an increase on paper. The school fees will not nearly cover the additional expenditure necessarily thrown on Municipal Funds by the opening of the new school. The item of private scavenging appears of course on both sides of the Budget.

5. A sum of Rupees 30 is entered as the probable assignment to the Municipality from the Surplus Pound Fund in 1876-77. Twenty-six rupees odd were the actual receipts from this source in 1875-76.

6. The usual allotment of Rupees 4,660 from Imperial Funds for the maintenance of roads in the cantonment has been repeated.

7. The estimated receipts from 3 (a) House-tax, (c) Taxes on Vehicles and Animals, and (d) Registration of Carts, are approximately the actual receipts of the year 1875-76. There are no grounds for anticipating variations.

8. The estimated receipts from tolls include Rupees 1,550, arrears due by the contractor for 1875-76. The contract was this year put up for twelve months instead of by the half year; and the result, as might have been expected, was favorable. In 1875-76 the contract was sold for Rupees 18,300; in this year for Rupees 19,400—an increase of Rupees 1,100 without any increase in the rate of toll. The approximate monthly instalment is Rupees 1,620; and, though the Commissioners demand (*vide* Statement IV.) that the last instalment should be paid on the 31st March 1877, yet a few days' grace is always allowed to the contractor. The whole demand, minus one month's instalment for 1876-77, has therefore been added to the arrears of 1875-76 as the probable total receipts in the year. The sum (Rupees 19,320) so budgeted is in round numbers

what will be the actual amount realized within the year Rupees 19,333.5-4 unless the contractor comes to grief.

9. The actual receipts under the head of (f) Fees in 1875-76 were Rupees 85. Rupees 90 has been entered in the estimate, but this includes only Notice and Warrant Fees levied in the collection of the house-tax.

10. Magisterial Fines in the year 1875-76 came to Rupees 2,770. A considerable portion of this amount consisted of fines imposed in cases of dirty private latrines. Private scavenging has been undertaken by the Municipality since the 1st April last, and this is certain to make a considerable difference. Rupees 2,000 has therefore been entered as the probable receipts from this source.

11. The receipts from School Fees are estimated at Rupees 800. The actuals in 1875-76 came to Rupees 150 from the two Mahomedan Schools only. The Commissioners anticipate fees to the amount of Rupees 200 from these Mahomedan Schools and Rupees 600 from the new Town School opened on the 1st April last. In this school three rates are charged, *viz.*, 12 Annas, 8 Annas, and 4 Annas. The mean of these is 8 Annas, and a monthly attendance of 100 boys is expected, which gives Rupees 50 per mensem, or Rupees 600 for the year.

12. There is a falling off in the estimated receipts under 5 (a) Hospitals, &c. The actual receipts in 1875-76 were Rupees 680, which included Rupees 190 realized by the sale of medicines. In August 1875 the Commissioners resolved to discontinue the sale of medicines to non-subscribers to the dispensary in consequence of the opening of a Druggist's shop in the Fort; but, as the sale is continued to subscribers on certain conditions, a sum of about Rupees 10 may be expected in 1876-77, and is shown in column 7 of Statement I-A. The other receipts of the Civil Dispensary and its Branch, including Rupees 1,200 promised by the Bellary Local Fund Board, are shown in Statement I-A.

13. The estimated receipts under 7, Miscellaneous exceed the actuals of last year by Rupees 2,000.

(a.) The Commissioners have discontinued charging fees for stalls in their market. I explained the position of affairs in my report for the year 1874-75, and no improvement has been made in the attendance of food-sellers. It is hoped that the abolition of the fee for stalls may induce a freer use of them.

(b.) The slaughter-houses were under departmental management in 1875-76 and brought in fees, amounting to Rupees 635. They have been rented in the current year, and the monopoly of collecting fees for the first six months has sold for Rupees 495. Double this amount approximately has been entered in the budget.

(c.) The sale of sweepings realized Rupees 1,050 last year. A round sum of Rupees 1,000 has been entered in the estimates.

(d.) Private scavenging was commenced on the 1st April in the A. Division of Bruce Pettah, the residents of which quarter are subscribing a total amount of about Rupees 110 per mensem. Should the system work well here, it is intended to extend it throughout the native towns, but for the present only the sum expected from this one division has been entered in the budget.

(e.) to (j.) These items call for no remark, having been estimated at the actual receipts in 1875-76.

(k.) Fines to the amount of Rupees 365 were imposed by the Commissioners last year. These were mostly fines on latrine, scavenging, and sweeping contractors who were very troublesome; but as these matters are now undertaken departmentally, it is believed that such heavy fining will not be necessary in the current year. A provision of Rupees 100 has accordingly been made.

(l.) A fair provision is made for the sale of books which realized only Rupees 40 last year. This was from the Mahomedan Schools only, and additional provision is now made for sales to the pupils in the new Town School.

(m.) Government, in Order No. 559, dated 23rd March 1876, have sanctioned a fee of Rupees 12 per annum to be levied from grain merchants utilizing the sides of two streets in Bruce

Pettah for unloading consignments of grain in front of their shops. It is estimated that 100 licenses to make use of the roads in this way will be taken out.

14. This exhausts the receipts. I now turn to Statement II., Expenditure. The revenues have been allotted so as to leave a closing balance of only Rupees 70. To keep expenditure within income, and at the same time to enable the Municipality to pay the contribution of Rupees 6,000 to the Local Fund Board and to make the necessary sanitary provision referred to in my letter No. 619, dated 17th March, every item of expenditure which could be reduced has been reduced as far as possible so as to admit of some progress in the way of much needed new works and a sufficient educational grant.

15. The Public Works grant is Rupees 16,980, being less than last year's expenditure by Rupees 1,440; but as Rupees 6,000 are merely given away to the Local Fund Board, the real diminution in the power of making progress is represented by Rupees 7,440.

16. Under 1, New Works (b) Educational, a sum of Rupees 1,500 is provided for the addition of verandahs to the new school built in 1875-76. The heat and glare at present are intolerable, and verandahs are absolute necessities. On this account the work has been put in hand without delay, and is now in progress, the object being to get it finished before the school is re-opened after the summer vacation.

17. Under New Works (c) Sanitary and Miscellaneous, a provision of Rupees 3,000 is made for the purposes specified in Statement II-A.

I. The latrine will be a pukka stone one of the most approved pattern, consisting of fifty seats. It is very urgently needed to put an end to one of the worst nuisances of the town. On the Gooty Road, just beyond the Civil Dispensary, is a fine growth of prickly-pear bordering puttah lands, and a considerable length of field behind this screen has been for a long time a popular resort. The residents of a considerable portion of the town flock to this place, and it has been found hopeless to try to stop the nuisance except by providing these people with superior accommodation nearer to their homes. The site selected is an open piece of ground west of the Dispensary, and the latrine will be exactly on the route to the prickly-pear convenience. The work is of great necessity, and has been commenced.

II. The proposed slaughter-house is a small one in Bruce Pettah, which was provided for in the budget of last year, but not put into execution, as it was doubtful till quite near the end of the year if funds would be available after meeting the extra conservancy expenses incurred on account of the outbreak of cholera. Hitherto, slaughtering in Bruce Pettah has been carried on in a swamp to the south of the Taluq Cutcherry, and has always been a nuisance. The site now selected is on open ground to the east of the Taluq Cutcherry. To enable us to provide a covered shed for the butchers before the rains set in, when killing in the open is most objectionable, the work has been put in hand, and is already well advanced.

III. Provision to the extent of Rupees 500 is made for the proper gravelling and draining of a portion of the large cart-stand on the Bangalore Road. In its present state it is so bad that the cart-men will not go into it, preferring to halt outside the enclosure, nor could they fairly be expected to use it. This improvement is very necessary, and the Commissioners propose to do as much as funds will permit them year by year, till the cart-stand is put in thorough order.

IV. A sum of Rupees 500 is set apart for petty works. This is intended principally for the construction of urinals which are much needed in certain parts of the town where custom has turned side-drains and street-corners to account as natural privies. The type of urinal being constructed is the Bangalore pattern of corrugated iron. The Commissioners have a quantity of this material in store, and each urinal costs about Rupees 40. Another Petty New Work, which is found to be necessary, is a small bridge over the new Honhully Channel where it cuts across the road from Cowl Bazaar to the Bangalore Road, along which there is a good deal of traffic.

18. For the repairs of communications, it has not been possible to provide more than Rupees 5,000, which sum includes the Government Grant of Rupees 4,660. To keep the great

length of roads in the Municipality in fairly good order, and to admit of a fair amount of thorough reconstruction, an annual maintenance grant of Rupees 10,000 at least is necessary. Of late years, with a permanent road establishment costing more than Rupees 2,000, whose work was almost entirely on road repairs, the allotment of Rupees 7,000 or Rupees 8,000 was sufficient; but now that the establishment has had to be done away with, and only Rupees 5,000 can be allotted, it is plain that, unless the Commissioners give up all idea of progress in sanitary and other public works which are urgently required, the effect of the order, which directs a payment of Rupees 6,000 annually to Local Funds, will be the continued deterioration of roads within municipal limits, year by year, without the Commissioners being able to prevent it. In framing this budget, an inadequate grant for road repairs has been chosen as less than the other evils—no progress in New Works, continued defective sanitation, or the withdrawal of educational grants—which the division of tolls with the Circle Board obviously leaves the Commissioners to choose from until relief is afforded by the re-introduction of the Profession Tax or the raising of rates of taxation to the maximum sanctioned by the Towns' Improvement Act.

19. A provision of Rupees 300 is made for sanitary and miscellaneous repairs. There is always a good deal of repairing to be done, and a smaller sum could not well be provided, the expenditure incurred under this head in 1875-76, an ordinary year, having been Rupees 590.

20. Under 3, Public Works Establishment, a reduction of more than Rupees 2,000 on the expenditure of last year has been made by the abolition of three permanent gangs, consisting of a maistry and ten coolies each. Their outturn of work during the past year has not been altogether satisfactory; but, as they were employed almost entirely on road repairs, their abolition practically amounts to so much diminution in the grant for that purpose. However, there is no help for it. The establishment now provided for consists of an Overseer and his Lascar.

21. Under 4, Tools, Plant, and Contingencies, a sum of Rupees 200 has been provided, the expenditure in 1875-76 having been Rupees 230. It was intended, when the former budget was submitted, to purchase an outfit of new tools; but, as there is so little work to be done now, this intention has been abandoned as far as this year is concerned.

22. Under Grant I., 5, the contribution of Rupees 6,000 to the Bellary Circle Board is entered.

23. An increase in the Educational Grant is the natural result of the opening of the school approved of in G.O., No. 668, dated 10th April 1876. The allotment for this year is Rupees 3,770 as against Rupees 2,920 in 1875-76 which included an extraordinary item of Rupees 700 under contingencies, principally for supplying furniture, &c., for the new school.

24. The Municipal School Establishments are as follow:—

	Per mensem.
(I.) TOWN SCHOOL.	
Head master	35
Second master	20
Third master	15
Peon	6
Sweeper	2
(II.) BRUCE PETTAH HINDUSTANI SCHOOL.	
Head master	15
Assistant master	7
(III.) COWL BAZAAR HINDUSTANI SCHOOL.	
Head master	15
Assistant master	7

These establishments have already been sanctioned by Government.

25. A provision of Rupees 450 is made under the head of school contingencies. This is as small a sum as can safely be set apart for the purchase of books, &c., for the three Municipal Schools in addition to ordinary contingent expenses.

26. Under Grant II., 3, Salary Grants, a sum of Rupees 600 is provided, which is sufficient. The number of schools aided in this way is the same as in last year, when the amount paid to them as salary grants came to Rupees 580. There is not the least likelihood of any more applications for such grants being made in this year.

27. For results grants a sum of Rupees 1,000 has been allotted. The amount paid by the Municipality in this way during 1875-76 came to Rupees 935, so that Rupees 1,000 is the smallest provision that can well be made under this head.

28. The sum of Rupees 50 allotted under 6, Educational Miscellaneous, is the fee paid annually for the examination of the two Hindustani Schools.

29. The total expenditure under the Sanitary and Medical Grant now entered in the budget is Rupees 33,730, showing an increase of Rupees 4,540 over the actual expenditure in 1875-76. The increase is under the head of conservancy as explained below.

30. Under Grant III., 1, Hospitals and Dispensaries, the estimate is less than the actuals of last year by Rupees 440. The details of establishment are shown in Statement II-B, a slight saving on the outlay of last year resulting from the Municipal Fund being relieved of payment of Dispensary allowance to the Garrison Surgeon since the appointment of a Civil Surgeon. The expected expenditure on medicines and supplies is less than the actual expenditure in last year by Rupees 320, the cause of the heavy outlay under this head in 1875-76 having been the necessity of supplying the Branch Dispensary with its first outfit of instruments as well as medicines. The provision of Rupees 1,200 for the dieting of patients follows the actuals (Rupees 1,220) of last year. A sum of Rupees 100 is provided for contingencies, which came to Rupees 220 in 1875-76.

31. The existing Vaccination and Registration Establishments are continued. A sum of Rupees 200 is provided under vaccination contingencies for batta to vaccinators and mothers. Less should not be set apart for this purpose, although in 1875-76 the batta payments did not exceed the unusually small amount of Rupees 85.

32. The amount entered in the budget under Conservancy Establishment is Rupees 11,214 as against an actual outlay of Rs. 9,225 in 1875-76. This does not in itself, however, amount to increased expenditure on conservancy, because the contract system of cleaning latrines, scavenging, and street sweeping has been abolished in favor of departmental management, and what was formerly shown as expenditure under (b) Sanitary Service is now added to (a) Establishment.

33. There is, however, a considerable increase in the proposed expenditure under (b) Sanitary Service over the actual expenditure (Rupees 10,110) in 1875-76. The main purposes for which funds are provided under this head are (1) the purchase of the necessary number of carts for the removal of night-soil from private houses throughout the town as required by Sections 96 and 97 of the Act, and (2) the cleaning of urinals, for the construction of which provision has been made under Grant I. These carts and urinals are absolutely necessary for the cleanliness of Bruce Pettah and Cowl Bazaar. The use of the word "shall" in Sections 96, 97, and 105 of the Act makes clear what already stood to reason. That the Commissioner's first duty is to provide absolute necessities for the health, comfort, and convenience of the people as long as there are funds available for any thing, and they have no option in the matter; but even if they had, the state of the native towns, especially Bruce Pettah, demands that the provision of these two classes of necessities should be deferred no longer. It is simply impossible to keep the towns really clean without them, and not till carts and urinals are provided in sufficient numbers and private scavenging is extended throughout both Bruce Pettah and Cowl Bazar will really effective sanitation be secured.

34. Under 4, Conservancy (c) Cleaning of Tanks, Wells and Drains, a sum of Rs 200 is provided. The actual expenditure in 1875-76 was Rupees 325.

35. The actual expenditure last year under the head of conservancy contingencies came to Rs. 1,730. This was extraordinary, owing to the outbreak of cholera in the town, and could not possibly be avoided. As cholera still lingers in the town, a sum of Rupees 800, the most that could be spared on paper, has been entered in the budget under this head. It is probable that the whole of this allotment will not be required, but it would not be safe to provide less, as there is no knowing how much longer cholera may continue.

36. It has not been possible to provide more than Rupees 250 for the removal of prickly-pear. This will not admit of any fresh clearance, but will just suffice to keep under the clearances of the past few years.

37. A smaller sum than Rupees 300 cannot be provided for rewards under 4 (f) for killing dogs and seizing stray cattle without causing disappointment, the actuals of 1875-76 having been Rupees 395.

38. The amount (Rupees 1,300) entered under 4 (g) private scavenging is the same as that under 7, Miscellaneous, (d) private scavenging in Statement I., the whole of the subscriptions being utilized.

39. The allotments under Grant IV., except the grant for avenues, call for no remark, being simply repetitions of the actuals of 1875-76. In making reductions in expenditure, it has been found necessary to do away with the existing large establishment for the conservancy of trees and to give up all extension of operations for this year at all events, just providing a sum (Rs. 1,800) sufficient for the up-keep of existing avenues.

40. Under Grant V. Supervision and Management, a reduction of Rupees 1,560, as compared with the actual expenditure of last year, has been effected by making a reduction in the office establishment, which the Commissioners considered unnecessarily expensive. The usual fee of Rupees 200 for the audit of the annual accounts has been repeated.

No. 225. ORDER THEREON, 26th June 1876, No. 1166.

With the above letter the President submits, with reference to G.O., dated 4th April 1876, No. 628, the revised Budget Estimates for the Bellary Municipality for 1876-77.

2. The following is an abstract of the estimates as compared with the sanctioned estimates for 1875-76:—

RECEIPTS.			CHARGES.		
	1875-76.	1876-77.		1875-76.	1876-77.
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward...	2,350	400	GRANT I.		
Assignments by Government.	4,710	4,690	New Works—		
Rate on Houses	19,500	20,000	Educational	5,000	1,500
Tax on Vehicles	7,650	7,850	Sanitary and Miscella-		
Registration of Carts	1,100	1,150	neous... ..	4,850	3,000
Tolls	18,800	19,330	Repairs—		
Fees	120	90	Communications	7,000	5,000
Fines	530	2,000	Sanitary and Miscella-		
Endowments, &c.	2,800	550	neous... ..	250	300
Contribution from Local			Establishment	3,744	972
Funds	1,200	1,200	Tools and Plant... ..	200	208
Miscellaneous	4,810	6,850	Contribution to Local		
			Funds		6,000
			GRANT II.		
			Municipal Schools	628	1,920
			Salary Grants	800	600
			Results Grants... ..	1,000	1,000
			Contribution to Local		
			Funds for Educational		
			Inspection	200	200
			Miscellaneous		50
			GRANT III.		
			Hospitals and Dispensaries.	4,793	5,000
			Vaccination	656	656
			Registration of Births and		
			Deaths	513	504
			Conservancy	21,264	27,570
			GRANT IV.		
			Lighting	3,900	2,900
			Markets	424	100
			Choultries... ..	36	40
			Avenues, &c.	2,604	1,800
			Travellers' Bungalow ...	176	150
			Miscellaneous		450
			GRANT V.		
			Supervision and Manage-		
			ment	5,472	4,120
			Balances	60	70
Total ...	63,570	64,110	Total ...	63,570	64,110

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3. The aggregate receipts, including the opening balance, have been estimated at Rupees 64,110, or Rupees 540 in excess of the sanctioned estimates for 1875-76 and Rupees 1,670 in excess of the actuals for that year. There is a large reduction in the opening balance, which is Rupees 400 for 1876-77 against Rupees 2,090 last year. The variations in the different items of receipts are explained in the Vice-President's letter. The increase estimated for income is chiefly due (1) to the favorable sale of the toll contract, (2) to the collection of additional school fees consequent on the opening of the new Town School, (3) to the introduction of private scavenging in part of the towns, and (4) to the levying of fees on grain merchants with reference to G.O., dated 23rd March 1876, No. 559.

4. Notwithstanding the increase of income, pressure is still felt by the Commissioners in administering their finances, as Rupees 6,000 has had to be provided for tolls due to the Local Fund Board, and as an increase in the provision for Conservancy and Education has been found necessary. The allotment for Conservancy is very large when compared with that for 1875-76, but as the expenditure is represented to be absolutely necessary, objection will not be raised to it. The increase in the allotment for education is chiefly on account of the Municipal School sanctioned in G.O., dated 10th April 1876, No. 668. To provide for the additional expenditure on these items the Commissioners have curtailed the allotments under Grants I., IV., and V. The reduction under Grant I. is much to be regretted, and the Governor in Council will be glad to consider proposals for the imposition of the Profession Tax if the Commissioners, when submitting their next Budget, see reason to recommend its adoption. The reductions under Grants IV. and V. are approved. Statements IV. and V. need not in future accompany the Budget.

5. The Budget appears to have been carefully framed, and is with the above remarks passed by the Government.

(True Extract.)

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To the President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary.

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