

(1) Number of pages 6

(2) Date of repair 10.3.1970

(3) Initials of the Referencer _____

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.	2341	Press
B.P. No.		Mis. ☒
Dated	9. 10. 1876	196

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Municipal—Budget.

No. 158. *Read letter from J. HOPE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Godavery District, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cocanada, 28th June 1876, No. 10.*

With reference to the Proceedings of Government of the 4th ultimo, No. 787,

* No. 1.

I have the honor to forward a revised Budget Estimate* of Rajahmundry

Municipality for the year 1876-77, received from the Vice-President and prepared in

† No. 2.

accordance with the instructions therein contained, together with his letter† of

the 21st instant, No. 16, affording information on the several points referred to.

2. With regard to the tax on Arts, Trades, and Professions, alluded to in the third paragraph of the Proceedings under reply, it appears that the Commissioners are very reluctant to have recourse to this tax, but as there is no other available source from which the necessary revenue can be derived they have provided Rupees 3,600 under this head in the Budget.

3. The other points noticed in the Government Order are explained in the Vice-President's letter.

From J. KELSALL, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Rajahmundry, to J. HOPE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Godavery District, dated Rajahmundry, 21st June 1876, No. 16.

I have the honor to forward the Budget Estimate of the Rajahmundry Municipal Commission, revised as directed by G.O. of May 4th, 1876.

2. The Commissioners still earnestly deprecate the imposition of the tax on Arts, Trades, and Professions, but as their views on the subject have been twice before Government, and have on

both occasions‡ been rejected, they with reluctance again propose to raise funds by this tax.

‡ G.O., 11th February 1876.
G.O., 4th May 1876.

I must however state that the imposition of this

tax is most unpopular, and that it engenders a spirit of strong passive opposition to the action of the Commissioners. For reasons explained elsewhere we did without it for the last half of the year 1875-76, and I am bound to give it as my individual opinion that in that half-year there was evinced by the ratepayers a wish to assist the Commissioners and to assist them, which has not been displayed at other times. I respectfully submit that it is of more importance to carry the rate payers with you in your efforts to improve the condition of the town, than to blind them to the advantages of the Act by forcing on them measures very distasteful. This particular tax is not levied in Ellore or Cocanada, and I believe I am correct in stating that even without it the percentage of taxation is heavier here than in the two other Municipalities.

3. RECEIPTS.—The balance on April 1st, 1876, was Rupees 2,902. (b.) The estimated receipts from rates on houses are made the same as in 1875-76. (c.) Experience has shown that the sum to be expected from fees and magisterial fines has in previous years been estimated at too high a figure. (d.) The cause of the increase in the contribution we receive from Local Funds is because the Local Fund Board have agreed to meet part of the charges of the new Lying-in Hospital. (e.) The tolls were farmed for Rupees 3,800, but one-third has been deducted as the share of the Local Fund Board. The total receipts are Rupees 20,982.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
21st September 1876. No. 1706.*

4. CHARGES.—Under the head of New Works it is proposed to construct a Lying-in Hospital in the compound of the Civil Dispensary for Rupees 1,200, and Rupees 250 has been provided as the balance of the cost of a "deadhouse" which was commenced last year.

The expenditure on Roads will be Rupees 4,000, and Rupees 1,200 is available for Municipal purposes. Of this, Rupees 728 is really trust money, being the unexpended balance of a fund raised by general subscription to commemorate the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to this Presidency. The balance, Rupees 728, was transferred to the Municipality by the Committee in order that a town clock might be purchased. The cost of the clock will be about Rupees 750, and the Municipal Commissioners will add such sum (not exceeding Rupees 500) as may be required for importing and fixing it.

The allotment for Education has been raised to Rupees 1,000 as required by Government.

Under the other heads the figures are made the same as for 1875-76. No provision has been made for a Hospital Assistant as no one has ever been appointed. The Conservancy Establishment is slightly increased, and Rupees 400 is set aside for cleaning wells and drains.

The lighting of the town is now efficiently done by contract, and this has resulted in a great saving. Under G.O., 13th January 1875, No. 47, the Commissioners have now charge of the Museum which entails a new charge of Rupees 300. But as the Commissioners do not now rent an office, but use for this purpose a part of the Museum, we set off against this Rupees 300 a saving of Rupees 144 per annum.

The establishment remain much the same as in the present year, except that there is a small staff to look after the Museum building and garden.

I have finally to explain the difference in the funded endowment of the Civil Dispensary which has always been entered as Rupees 4,209. It was not really this, but only Rupees 3,500, viz., Rupees 2,500 in the Savings Bank, and a Government promissory-note for Rupees 1,000. There was also in the Treasury a sum of Rupees 709, the interest on the above drawn from time to time which had been allowed to accumulate. In 1875 the Commissioners purchased with part of this interest another note for Rupees 500. The endowment is now Rupees 4,000, and the interest will be spent on current charges.

No. 159. ORDER THEREON, 21st September 1876, No. 1706.
The Revised Budget for the Rajahmundry Municipality for 1875-76 now submitted, is compared below in abstract with the Original Budget referred to in G.O., dated 4th May 1876, No. 787:—

RECEIPTS.	Original. RS.	Revised. RS.
Balance brought forward	150	150
Assignments by Government	4,600	4,700
Rates on Houses	550	580
Taxes on Arts	150	160
Taxes on Vehicles	3,600	3,860
Registration of Carts	450	550
Tolls	150	150
Fees	1,200	1,628
Fines	1,400	1,400
Endowments, &c.	2,970	3,000
Contribution from Local Funds		
Miscellaneous		
Total ...	15,220	22,680

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
21st September 1876. No. 1706.*

CHARGES.	Original. RS.	Revised. RS.
GRANT I.		
New Works—		
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	500	2,650
Repairs—		
Communications	1,200	4,000
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	544	...
Contributions to Local Funds	...	1,290
GRANT II.		
Salary Grants	216	216
Results Grants	400	764
Contribution to Local Funds for Educational Inspection ...	20	20
GRANT III.		
Hospitals and Dispensaries	2,300	2,350
Vaccination	170	170
Conservancy	6,720	7,280
GRANT IV.		
Lighting	1,500	1,200
Travellers' Bungalow	200	200
Miscellaneous	300	300
GRANT V.		
Supervision and Management	1,150	1,150
Balances	...	1,090
Total ...	15,220	22,680

2. Rupees 3,600 are set down for Profession-tax, levied as heretofore with the exemption of the three lowest classes in the schedule. The tolls have been farmed for Rupees 3,860. Larger allotments have been made for Public Works; and out of the small sum provided for New Works, the Commissioners propose to construct a Lying-in Hospital at a cost of Rupees 1,200. Increased provision has been made both for Education and Conservancy. The sum assigned for Lighting is less than the corresponding sum in last year's Budget by Rupees 300, but it is explained that the saving is effected by the introduction of the contract system.

3. The Budget, as now prepared, is passed, but the statements sent in exhibit some inaccuracies. It is desirable that the figured statements should afford as much information as possible, and on this principle it is incorrect to enter in Statement I that portion only of toll receipts which is reserved for the Municipality; the total receipts from tolls should have been shown in Statement I, and the contribution to the Local Fund Board entered as a charge in Statement II. The receipts and charges exhibited in Statement I-A do not tally with the totals of the details given in Statements I and II; nor is it understood how the item of Rupees 1,190 under Statement I, 5—Hospitals, has been arrived at. Under Statement I, 5—Miscellaneous, should have been entered the sum of Rupees 728 which the Prince of Wales' Memorial Committee are said to have transferred to the Municipality for the purchase of a town clock. The cost of this clock, which is estimated

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
21st September 1876. No. 1706.*

at Rupees 1,200, should have been shown under Statement II-A, Part 1, and not under Statement II-A, Part 2. (True Extract.)

W. H. ...
Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commissions, Godavery District.
" Board of Revenue.
" Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Accountant-General.
" President of the Local Fund Boards, Godavery District.

Ed. J. Wright.

N. 4175
Rev. 1896: 241
Govt. of 1878 *Madras.*

FINANCIAL

To
THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONS,
Calcutta District,
Sec.,
Ac.,
do

Dated September, 21st.

Received *6/11*
Recd. *ack 5th*

G.O., 21st September 1896, No. 1706.

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 158-159.

Municipal Budget for the Rajahmundry Municipality for 1895-76, returned.

copy
9/2/96