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Municipal Budget.

No. 160. Read the following letter from H. S. THOMAS, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Mayaveram, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Vallam, 2nd February 1876, No. 13:—

I have the honor to submit the Budget Estimates of Receipts and Disbursements of the Mayaveram Municipality, for the year 1876-77, in the forms prescribed in G.O., dated 28th October 1871, No. 1646.

2. Compared with the current year's Budget the one herewith submitted presents little or no variation requiring comment with the exception of a few items of expenditure under Grants I and II which have been fully explained in the Vice-President's letter, a copy of which is herewith forwarded.

From M. R. WELD, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Mayaveram, to H. S. THOMAS, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Mayaveram, dated Mayaveram, 3rd December 1875, No. 111.

Under Section 32 of the Municipal Act, I have the honor to forward, herewith, the Budget Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure of this Municipality, for the year 1876-77, in the forms prescribed by Government, with the following remarks.

The roads are gradually deteriorating owing to the small expenditure on their upkeep during the past year; at the same time the supply of brick jelly is diminishing, and the cost consequently increasing; the Commissioners were therefore obliged to put down a large sum for repairs; only Rupees 150 (sic) have been allotted for New Works.

The great expenditure on Education severely strains the resources of the Municipality. This must be kept up as the town requires it and there is no Government or Mission School. The expenditure on education for this year amounts (after deducting the Government contribution) to Rupees 2,900, i.e., 16 per cent. on the income of Rupees 18,680 (deducting grant) as against Rupees 1,689 in 1875-76, i.e., 10.42 per cent. on the income of Rupees 15,939 and Rupees 1,286-1-4 in 1874-75, i.e., 7.1 per cent. on the income of Rupees 18,063-6-4.

On account of the magnitude of these two items of expenditure, the estimated receipts (excluding Professional tax) fall short of the estimated expenditure by some 2,200 Rupees. If Government sanctions the grant of Rupees 2,234-12-0, half the cost of Mayaveram School asked for in this office letter, dated 11th June 1875, No. 33, this will increase the opening balance and so raise the receipts to the required sum. If not the Commissioners consider that the only way in which it can be done is by reimposing the Professional tax, and in that case they request that they may be permitted to reimpose it for this year only on all classes at half rates, instead of on certain classes only, as there are but few rich persons in Mayaveram, and the income derived from those above the sixth class is almost nil. It is calculated that this tax will yield Rupees 2,200 as when last levied in 1873-74 it gave Rupees 4,400.

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No. 161.

ORDER THEREON, 27th March 1876, No. 589.

The following is a comparative abstract of the Budget Estimates forwarded with the above letter, and of those sanctioned for the current year:—

RECEIPTS.	1875-76.	1876-77.	CHARGES.	1875-76.	1876-77.
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward	1,500	1,750	GRANT I.		
Assignments by Government..	1,045	820	New Works—		
Rates on Houses	5,750	6,090	Communications		
Taxes on Arts		2,200	Educational	2,000	
Taxes on Vehicles	500	550	Sanitary and Miscella-		
Registration of Carts	400	450	neous	505	350
Tolls	5,500	5,500	Repairs—		
Fees	500	500	Communications	1,200	3,800
Fines	50	200	Educational		
Endowments, &c.	300	300	Sanitary and Miscella-		
Contribution from Local			neous	255	850
Funds	300	300	Establishment	1,410	1,422
Miscellaneous	805	830	Tools and Plant		
Advances Recoverable			Contributions to Local		
			Funds		
			GRANT II.		
			Training Schools		
			Municipal Schools	2,100	2,770
			Salary Grants		
			Results Grants	100	500
			Contribution to Local		
			Funds for Educational		
			Inspection	100	100
			Miscellaneous		250
			GRANT III.		
			Hospitals and Dispensa-		
			ries	1,650	1,480
			Vaccination	180	180
			Registration of Births and		
			Deaths		
			Conservancy	4,224	4,284
			GRANT IV.		
			Lighting	1,000	1,208
			Markets		
			Charities		
			Avenues, &c.	192	240
			Travellers' Bungalow	72	72
			Miscellaneous	150	250
			GRANT V.		
			Supervision and Manage-		
			ment	1,402	1,554
			Advances Recoverable		
			Refunds		
			Balances		
Total ...	16,650	18,400	Total ...	16,650	19,400

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2. This Budget in reality shows a deficit of Rupees 2,200, for credit is taken for that amount on account of a Profession-tax which the Government has not yet sanctioned. Under these circumstances the Government cannot agree with the President that the papers forwarded required little comment from him. The President is requested to submit his views on the important question raised by the Vice-President, and on receipt of them the Government will pass orders. The Government do not follow the Vice-President's reasoning, when he states that the allowance of a building-grant would assist him in balancing accounts in which no charge for such a building is shown; that question however has been decided adversely to the claims of the Municipality in G.O., dated 24th January 1876, No. 150.

3. The Budget papers are returned to the President for his remarks as noted in the last paragraph. He is requested to take the same opportunity of explaining how the opening balance of Rupees 1,750 is arrived at.

4. It is noted that the Commissioners entertain sanguine expectations regarding the receipts under house-tax, the tax on vehicles, fees on cart-registration, and fines. An increase in the expenditure under lighting and establishment has not been explained. In the review of the current year's Budget, it was pointed out that in the last column of Statements I and II should be entered the regular estimates of the year previous to that for which budgets were submitted; this has not been attended to.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Mayavaram.

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

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