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Municipal—Budget.

No. 42. Read the following letter 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, 22nd December 1875, No. 128:—

I have the honor to submit the estimates for the Gooty Municipality for the year 1876-77.

2. It will be observed that the Commissioners have, in accordance with the Order of Government, No. 1825, dated the 11th September last, provided for a contribution of one-fourth of the proceeds of tolls to Local Funds.

3. This contribution amounts to Rupees 675 out of a total expected income of Rupees 5,495. They are in consequence unable to provide anything for the repair of roads, latrines, or drains.

4. This state of affairs is most unfortunate. The Commissioners have, therefore, requested me to ask that they may still be permitted to retain the whole of the proceeds of tolls. I cannot put the matter in a better light than the Commissioners themselves have done in the copy of the resolution attached to the Vice-President's covering letter. It appears to me that the maintenance of a Municipality under such conditions as those set forth is useless.

5. By G.O., No. 305, dated the 12th February last, it will be observed that the estimates for the current year were made upon the same conditions: no new works were provided, no lighting proposed.

6. There is, however, one proposal made by the Commissioners, which, in their almost insolvent state, I must say I am surprised to receive and which I cannot support. This is the re-establishment of the Anglo-Vernacular School by means of a grant-in-aid. Provision has been made for the necessary cost by reducing the expenditure on conservancy, lighting, &c.

7. The Commissioners' application on the subject has been submitted to the Government separately through the Director of Public Instruction.

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No. 43. ORDER THEREON, 4th April 1876, No. 631.

The Budget Estimates submitted with the letter above recorded are compared with those of the current year in the annexed abstract:—

RECEIPTS.			CHARGES.		
	1875-76.	1876-77.		1875-76.	1876-77.
	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward ...	931	20	GRANT I.		
Assignments by Government ...	130	50	<i>New Works—</i>		
Rates on Houses ...	890	800	Communications ...	...	...
Taxes on Arts ...	370	400	Educational ...	...	...
Taxes on Vehicles ...	500	425	Sanitary and Miscellaneous.	250	...
Registration of Carts ...	230	220	<i>Repairs—</i>		
Tolls ...	2,400	2,700	Communications ...	921	...
Fees ...	...	10	Educational ...	...	...
Fines ...	280	235	Sanitary and Miscellaneous	315	...
Endowment, &c. ...	...	...	Establishment ...	...	...
Contribution from Provincial ...	...	240	Tools and Plant ...	...	...
Miscellaneous ...	290	385	Contributions to Local Funds.	...	675
Advances Recoverable ...	...	...	GRANT II.		
			Training Schools ...	...	...
			Municipal Schools ...	348	840
			Salary Grants ...	...	...
			Results Grants ...	75	125
			Contribution to Local Funds		
			for Educational Inspection.	25	25
			Miscellaneous ...	...	20
			GRANT III.		
			Hospitals and Dispensaries...	250	350
			Vaccination ...	120	120
			Registration of Births and		
			Deaths ...	...	24
			Conservancy ...	2,240	2,190
			GRANT IV.		
			Lighting ...	445	300
			Markets ...	...	...
			Choultries ...	...	...
			Avenues, &c. ...	48	48
			Travellers' Bungalow ...	...	...
			Miscellaneous ...	...	...
			GRANT V.		
			Supervision and Management.	773	773
			Advances Recoverable ...	...	...
			Refunds ...	...	...
			Balances ...	200	...
Total ...	6,021	5,495	Total ...	6,021	5,495

2. The opening balance has been estimated at Rupees 20, but the President should explain how the figure has been arrived at. The estimates for 1875-76 given in the Budget statements show a negative closing balance for that year of

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Rupees 731. This item again is entered as Rupees 200, but this is evidently due to the omission to enter on the receipts side the figures of the Supplemental Budget sanctioned in G.O., dated 15th May 1875, No. 1035. In the last column of the Budget Statements 1 and 2 the regular estimates of the current year as ascertained by the actual experience of the past months should in futuro be given, and the closing balance of that year should correspond with the opening balance of the year budgeted for.

3. The Commissioners estimate the total receipts at Rupees 5,495, or Rupees 526 below the current year's estimate. The assets actually available for expenditure on municipal purposes will be even smaller, as one-fourth of the income from tolls, or a sum of Rupees 675, is, under G.O., dated 11th September 1875, No. 1825, payable to the Local Fund Board. The Commissioners make a representation on this question deprecating the arrangement, but the Governor in Council regrets that he cannot modify the existing orders. There is no reason why the sum of Rupees 300 allotted for lighting should not, if the Commissioners wish, be appropriated for such sanitary purposes as may be considered to be of immediate urgency.

4. Under "Charges" provision has been made for the re-establishment of the Anglo-Vernacular School, the abolition of which was directed in G.O., dated 5th January 1875, No. 13. This proposal is not supported by the President, and it is stated that the matter will be referred for orders through the Director of Public Instruction. Government await the promised report, but cannot pass the item of Rupees 240 entered on the receipt side of the Budget as provincial grant to the proposed institution. This item must be struck out of the balance sheet, and the item of Rupees 840 under Charges, Grant II, may be reduced accordingly.

5. With the above remarks, and subject to the explanations called for, the Budget is passed.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Cooty.
 .. Public Works Department.
 .. Revenue Department. ✓
 .. Board of Revenue.
 .. President of the Local Fund Boards, Ecllary District.
 .. Accountant-General.
 .. Sanitary Commissioner.
 .. Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
 .. Director of Public Instruction.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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