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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

15th February 1877, No. 585.

Municipal Budgets.

Read the following paper :—

No. 280. *From W. LOGAN, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Malabar District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 20th January 1877, No. 44.*

I have the honor to forward, herewith, the Budget Estimates of the Cannanore Municipality for the ensuing year 1877-78, together with the Regular Estimates of Receipts and Charges prepared to ascertain the opening balance of that year.

2. The Municipality has estimated an opening balance of Rupees 800 in round numbers. Added to this the income of the year, the whole receipt for 1877-78 is estimated to be Rupees 21,436, against Rupees 17,830 for the current year.

3. The Commissioners propose the levy of Profession-tax exempting the last two classes as per schedule for the year 1877-78, and estimate an income of Rupees 3,000 under that head. The necessity which led the Commissioners to propose this measure is in the main the heavy charges they have to bear in connexion with the Civil Dispensary transferred to their management, which amount, as per Budget, herewith submitted, comes to Rupees 3,791. I was under the impression that the Civil Dispensary had been formally transferred to the charge of the Commissioners. That however seems not to have been the case, though the matter was referred to my predecessor in 1874. I now solicit orders for the transfer.

4. The introduction of the above tax, was proposed at a meeting at which I presided. I strongly support the proposal, considering the heavy charges on account of the Dispensary; and request the sanction of Government may be accorded to it.

5. The amount estimated under Profession-tax, together with the difference in the opening balance, accounts for the increase in the receipts of Rupees 3,600 odd over the estimate of the current year. The variations under the several items of receipts are noticed in the Vice-President's letter accompanying.

6. A sum of Rupees 900 is provided for the construction of a road at Thavakara leading to Cannanore Town; besides which a sum of Rupees 200 is provided for two large culverts, &c., on the above road under "Sanitary and Miscellaneous." The cost of road culverts should properly be debited to Communications, but as the Vice-President says that drains too have to be provided in constructing the road, and as the Budget is already overdue, I have not thought it necessary to refer the point back to the Commissioners. Under "Communication—Repairs" a sum of Rupees 1,500 is provided, besides Rupees 1,000 under "Sanitary and Miscellaneous" for the repair of the several existing bridges, culverts, drains, &c., in the Municipality.

7. In the Budget for 1877-78 most of the items of expenditure will be found with increased allotments as compared with those of the current year. The necessity for the increase is noticed in the Vice-President's covering letter.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Surgeon-Major D. C. McCALLUM, M.D., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Cannanore, to the President of the Municipal Commissions, Calicut District, dated 10th December 1876, No. 420.

I have the honor to submit the Budget [illegible] his Municipality, proposing sums to be raised and expended during the year 1877-78, and to observe that a sum of Rupees 800 is brought forward as the probable balance expected to be in favor of the Commissioners on the opening of the year.

Enclosures.
Statement I.
" II B
" II A.
Parts I and II.

Abstract Budget Statement, as per G.O., No. 2126, dated 27th November 1876.

The following are the observations on the most important items of STATEMENT I, REVENUE AND RECEIPTS.

1. *House and Land Tax.*—A sum of Rupees 9,500 arrived at under this head is by the actuals of the current year.

2. *Profession Tax.*—A sum of Rupees 3,000 is a probable amount expected to be recovered under this head, and that the last two classes as per Schedule of the Act has been omitted; the introduction of this tax was duly considered at a meeting held on the 13th August 1876 presided by you, and the Commissioners have now taken upon themselves this opportunity to make this provision, as the resources of the Municipality having become very low during the previous years, quite inadequate to meet conveniently the expenditure now burdened on the Municipality (the maintenance of the Civil Dispensary, the charges of which are very heavy to bear).

3. *Tax on Vehicles and Animals.*—A sum of Rupees 1,700 is provided against this item inclusive of tax on asses, dogs, and agricultural bullocks; this sum has been arrived at judging from the collections of the last year.

4. *Registration of Carts.*—This item calls for no special remark.

5. *Tolls.*—The grant under this head is the same as that of the current year's Budget.

6. *Fees and Fines.*—No special remark appears to be necessary under this head as the allotment is the same as that of the last year.

7. *Endowments.*—(*a*) *Hospital* is Rupees 20, likely to be expected by the sale of medicines.

8. (*b*) *Choultries.*—Rupees 40 has been allotted as receipts to be realized from the travellers' bungalow, an institution under the maintenance of this Municipality.

9. *Markets.*—Rupees 96 is the amount expected to be realized as rent from the market constructed by the Municipality.

10. Rupees 200 is allotted to the Municipal slaughter-house expected to be recovered as rent by leasing it out on contract.

11. Rupees 50 is expected from the sale of implements, &c.

12. Rupees 50 by the sale of avenue branches or trees.

13. *Cart-stand.*—Rupees 90 is expected from the rent of two cart-stands under the control of the Municipal Commissioners.

14. *Pound.*—A sum of Rupees 100 is shown as the probable income to be recovered under the Cattle Trespass Act, No. I of 1871.

3. GRANT I.—*Public Works*—(*a*) *Communication.*—A sum of Rupees 900 has been provided for the opening of a road at Thavakara, which it appears was long contemplated, if funds will admit of it. In commencing this work the Commissioners will have to purchase certain portions of parambas and trees standing thereon through which the road in question is intended to pass.

4. *Sanitary and Miscellaneous.*—It is proposed to construct culverts to the above road and to provide culverts in places where they may be required within the Municipality; for this a sum of Rupees 200 is allotted.

5. *Repairs.*—A sum of Rupees 2,500 for the repairs of all the roads within the Municipality under the control of the Commissioners both in the town and cantonment [illegible] conveyances.

6. The Government in reviewing the Budget Estimates for the current year observed that they did not "approve the reduction in the allotment for Education." Under such circumstances the Commissioners, now relying on the sanction for the introduction of the Profession-tax in this Municipality, have raised the sum to Rupees 1,072 which, from an experience of past years' expenses, consider this allotment quite adequate to meet the demands under this head.

GRANT III.—*Sanitation and Medical Services.*—A sum of Rupees 3,791 has been allotted against the minor items of 1, Hospital and Dispensaries, under the following circumstances:—

1. *Establishment.*—The sum of Rupees 891 is for the Civil Dispensary servants, inclusive of the salary of a third-class Hospital Assistant, as particularized in Statement II-B, "Detail of Municipal Establishment."

The provision for the third-class Hospital Assistant is in compliance with your letter, No. 92, dated 28th July 1876.

2. *Medicines.*—The provision under this head appears to prompt the necessity for the sum of Rupees 1,000, as there appears to be a great demand for medicines.

3. *Diet of Patients and Contingencies.*—The sum of Rupees 1,000 is provided to meet the charges for dieting both European and Native patients and charges for perishable and non-perishable articles with extras supplied monthly to the hospital. In the hope of the Profession-tax receiving the sanction of Government, the Commissioners have taken upon themselves the opportunity of allotting this sum to conveniently meet the charges of the Civil Dispensary which is considered to be a most useful and charitable institution.

8. GRANT IV.—*Lighting.*—A sum of Rupees 1,000 is allotted under Contingencies for the purpose of having additional lamps put up in places absolutely necessary both in the town and cantonment, and for the defrayal of charges of kerosene oil.

9. All other items under Grant IV call for no special remark, but (5) Pound Establishment, (*a*) Poundkeeper, is kept to do the duties of the pound referred to in paragraph 2, No. 14 of this letter; for this a sum of Rupees 184 is allotted to meet the expenditure inclusive of charges for keeping the pounds in good order, and to provide proper troughs built of latrite.

10. GRANT V.—*Supervision and Management*—1, *Office, and* 2, *Miscellaneous.*—Under this head the item of Contingencies has only been increased to meet the various sundry charges.

11. A sum of Rupees 400 shown as refund is the amount of deposits, &c., by contractors, an amount that may likely be refunded on house, &c., taxes during the year.

12. In conclusion, allow me here to observe that, to conveniently meet the various important demands on the Municipality contemplated by the Act, now met with great difficulty from the want of sufficient funds, the Commissioners have resolved to submit, for the sanction of Government, the introduction of the Profession, &c., tax according to your observations at a meeting held on the 3rd August 1876, and I fully trust you will spare no means to use your influence in the matter to convince Government of the necessity for the introduction of the Profession-tax which is now in operation throughout all the Municipalities in Malabar with the exception of Cannanore.

No. 281. ORDER THEREON, 15th February 1877, No. 585.

The estimates of the Cannanore Municipality for 1877-78 are compared in the subjoined abstract with the sanctioned Budget for the current year:—

RECEIPTS.

	Estimate, 1876-77.	Estimate, 1877-78.
	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward	500	800
Rates on Houses	12,800	13,000
Taxes on Arts	...	3,000
Taxes on Vehicles	1,800	1,700
Registration of Carts	400	400

	Estimate, 1876-77.	Estimate, 1877-78.
	RS.	RS.
Tolls	1,000	1,000
Fees	300	300
Fines	500	500
Endowments, &c.	50	60
Miscellaneous	480	676
Total ...	17,830	21,436

CHARGES.

	Estimate, 1876-77.	Estimate, 1877-78.
	RS.	RS.
GRANT I.		
New Works—		
Communications	500	900
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	...	200
Repairs—		
Communications	800	1,500
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	400	1,000
Establishment	1,224	1,284
Tools and Plant	100	100
GRANT II.		
Municipal Schools	72	72
Results Grants	600	700
Contribution to Local Funds for Educational Inspection	200	300
GRANT III.		
Hospitals and Dispensaries	2,873	3,791
Vaccination	400	267
Conservancy	7,713	6,402
GRANT IV.		
Lighting	924	1,324
Markets	25	150
Choultries	90	198
Avenues, &c.	...	150
Miscellaneous	...	684
GRANT V.		
Supervision and Management	1,909	2,014
Refunds	...	400
Total ...	17,830	21,436

2. The Commissioners propose to levy the Profession-tax in 1877-78 as regards the first six classes in Schedule B, in order to enable them to provide for the upkeep of the Dispensary which they find to be doing a useful work in the town. The Government resolve to grant the necessary sanction, but they observe that the imposition of the tax is rendered necessary by increases to various heads of expenditure, and not on account of the Dispensary alone. It appears that the Dispensary building has never been formally transferred to the Commissioners. The Collector will notify the intention to transfer in the District Gazette under the provisions of Section 15 of the Towns Improvement Act, and after the expiry of a month will submit a draft Notification of transfer.

3. The other items of receipt are very much the same as in the current year. The figures in the last column of Statements I and II should have corresponded with the Regular Estimate.

4. It is observed that the allotment for Public Works amounts to Rupees 4,984, against Rupees 3,024 provided for the current year. Statement II-A, Part I, has not been prepared in the prescribed form.

5. The increase of Rupees 200 in the provision for Education is approved. The Government note that from the experience of past years it is believed that the amount allotted will be sufficient to meet all demands.

6. The additional provision for the Dispensary is as much as Rupees 918, but it appears to have been made after full and careful consideration, and in the same way the allotment for Lighting has been raised from Rupees 924 to Rupees 1,324.

7. With the above remarks the Budget is passed as submitted.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. J. Wright.

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Cannanore,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated February, 15th.

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