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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

24th February 1877, No. 706.

Municipal—Budgets.

Read the following paper:—

No. 415. *From R. J. MELVILLE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Vizianagram, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 23rd January 1877, No. 96.*

I have the honor to forward herewith, for the sanction of Government, the budget estimates for 1877-78 and the regular estimate for 1876-77 of the Vizianagram Municipality prepared in accordance with the instructions contained in G.O., dated 27th November 1876, No. 2126.

2. Opening Balance.—The variations between the regular estimate and the budget estimate for 1876-77 are explained in the remark column of the regular estimate. Owing to the necessity of repairing the damages which the Municipality sustained in the late cyclone, the whole amount of receipts as per regular estimate, viz., Rupees 13,159, is estimated to be spent during the current year, and consequently no opening balance can be brought forward in the budget estimate for 1877-78 to meet the charges in the earlier months of that year as required by G.O., dated 9th August 1876, No. 1435, paragraph 4. The Vice-President, however, explains that the exigency can be met from the toll deposit fund and from the receipts collected on account of the first instalments of licenses, &c.

3. Receipts.—The receipts for 1877-78 are estimated at Rupees 13,105, or Rupees 1,176 more than the estimated amount for 1876-77. This increase is chiefly due to (1) the percentage of house-tax being raised from three to four; (2) His Highness the Maharajah of Vizianagram having brought down from Benares a large number of vehicles, &c.; and (3) the tolls having been estimated to fetch a sum similar to that obtained during the current year, which is more than the budget estimate.

4. Charges—*Grant I.*—The charges under this head are estimated at Rupees 5,747, or Rupees 1,776 more than those of the previous year. The effects of the late gale in the Municipality have necessitated this increase.

Grants III and V.—Under these heads Rupees 4,069 and Rupees 1,544 respectively are provided in this budget against Rupees 4,351 and Rupees 2,014 in the current year's budget. The decreases are owing to the curtailment of establishments under G.O., No. 2379, dated 19th December 1876.

5. A copy of the covering letter received from the Vice-President is herein enclosed.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From P. JAGANATH RAZ, Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Vizianagram, to the Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Vizianagram, dated 17th January 1877, No. 80.

With reference to your letter, No. 2, of the 5th instant, I have the honor to forward revised budget estimates for the year 1877-78.

1. House-tax percentage was increased from three to four.

2. License is expected to realize Rupees 2,900 on account of a greater number of vehicles and horses belonging to His Highness the Maharajah of Vizianagram and other gentlemen having supplied themselves with vehicles and horses.

3. Registration of Carts, Rupees 500, on account of additional bandies having been purchased by individuals residing in the town.

4. *Tolls.*—The highest bid at auction for 1876-77 was Rupees 8,050, being an increase of Rupees 225 over that of 1875-76, and so the former amount is adopted in the present budget.

5. *Grant I.*—Under the head of works for the year 1876-77 was Rupees 3,971 and for the year 1877-78 the amount estimated is Rupees 5,747 required on account of damage done by the late cyclone.

6. *Grant II.*—Under the head of education the estimates for the years 1876-77 and 1877-78 are both the same, viz., Rupees 1,093.

7. *Grant III.*—Sanitation, Vaccination, Registration of Births and Deaths, and Conservancy for the year 1876-77 were estimated to Rupees 4,351, and for the year 1877-78 the amount estimated is Rupees 4,069; the reason of this decrease is on account of servants' pay of the establishment being reduced.

8. *Grant IV.*—Under this head the estimate of last year was Rupees 500 and that of the year 1877-78 is Rupees 560. This increase is owing to the entertainment of a medical pupil. Two medical pupils were at first employed by the Municipality to be trained at His Highness the Maharajah's Dispensary on a salary of Rupees 5 each; but on account of the reduction of the establishment one was dispensed with owing to the expense incurred under that head.

9. With reference to lunatic, it was a mistake in charging the expenses incurred this year to this Municipality which ought to have been borne by the Local Fund Board of the circle, and from whom the Municipality expects to recover the amount already expended under that head; that is the reason it does not appear in the present budget for 1877-78.

10. *Grant V—Supervision and Management.*—The budget for the year 1876-77 was Rupees 2,014 and for the present budget is only Rupees 1,544. This diminution is owing to the reduction of the pay of Secretary together with clerks and peon.

11. Referring to G.O., dated 9th August 1876, this Municipality always make the toll-contractor lodge security in cash of one-fourth of the amount of the contract; thereby are always flushed with funds at the beginning of the year, and moreover the Commissioners can meet the expenditure in the earlier months of the following year by the collection of licenses, &c., for the first instalment of the next official year, but for the future care will be taken so as to have the funds in hand to pass over the earlier months of the following year without incurring the risk of what the tolls might fetch at auction.

No. 416. ORDER THEREON, 24th February 1877, No. 706.

The estimated receipts and expenditure of the Vizianagram Municipality for 1877-78 are compared below with the entries in the sanctioned budget for the current year:—

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RECEIPTS.

	Estimate, 1876-77.	Estimate, 1877-78.
	RS.	RS.
Assignments by Government	21	20
Rates on Houses	1,030	1,400
Taxes on Vehicles	2,530	2,900
Registration of Carts	450	500
Tolls	7,775	8,050
Fees	5	5
Fines	10	10
Contribution from Local Funds	18	18
Miscellaneous	90	110
Advances recoverable	...	92
Total ...	11,929	13,105

CHARGES.

	Estimate, 1876-77.	Estimate, 1877-78.
GRANT I.	RS.	RS.
New Works—		
Communications	1,000	1,250
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	1,213	2,200
Repairs—		
Communications	1,500	1,213
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	518	944
Establishment	90	90
Tools and Plant	50	50
GRANT II.		
Results Grants...	1,000	1,000
Contribution to Local Funds for Educational Inspection	93	93
GRANT III.		
Vaccination	216	180
Registration of Births and Deaths	270	180
Conservancy	3,865	3,709
GRANT IV.		
Lighting	500	500
Miscellaneous	...	60
GRANT V.		
Supervision and Management	2,014	1,544
Balances	...	92
Total ...	11,929	13,105

2. The estimated receipts for 1877-78 amount to Rupees 13,105 against Rupees 11,929, an increase being expected under all heads of taxation although it is only in the case of the house-tax that an increase in the rate is proposed. The incidence of taxation exclusive of tolls in Vizianagram in 1875-76 was only Annas 3-2 per head of the population, being lower than in any other Municipality except Bimlipatam, Chicacole, and Palghaut. Under these circumstances, and as it is not proposed to impose the profession-tax, the Government resolve to sanction the proposal to raise the rate of house-tax from three to four per cent. They have to remark, however, that

they cannot understand how it is expected that a house-tax at that rate should not realize more than Rupees 1,400. At Bimlipatam in the same district the house-tax at five per cent. is estimated to produce Rupees 1,800, which would give Rupees 1,440 at four per cent., although there are not half as many houses in Bimlipatam as in Vizianagram. The President will report on the point.

3. The allotment for Public Works amounts to Rupees 5,747 against Rupees 4,371 in the budget for 1876-77, the increase being said to be necessary to repair the damage caused by the late gale. It is observed that Rupees 3,450 are assigned for New Works, Rupees 1,250 being for Communications, and Rupees 2,200 for Sanitary and Miscellaneous works. In G.O., dated 8th February 1876, No. 286, the Vizianagram Municipality was permitted to retain the full income from tolls on the condition that a loop-line should be constructed to free the through-traffic from Palcondah. The Government must insist on this work being taken in hand before any other, with the exception of the reconstruction of bridges, culverts, &c., carried away during the cyclone.

4. The Vaccination Establishment must be revised in accordance with the new rules.

5. With the above remarks the budget is passed.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission Vizianagram.
„ 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 Board, Vizagapatam District.

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Vizianagram,
&c., &c., &c.

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