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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

9th March 1877, No. 876.

Municipal Budgets.

Read the following papers :—

No. 131. *From H. S. THOMAS, Esq., President, Municipal Commission, Mayaveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Vallam, 9th February 1877, No. 61.*

I have the honor to submit the Budget Estimates of the Mayaveram Municipality for the year 1877-78 in the forms prescribed in G. O., dated 28th October 1871, No. 1646.

2. The items of receipts which call for remarks are *Rate on Houses* and *Tolls*. In consideration of the distressed condition of the people in the town resulting from the adverse character of the season, a reduction in the land and house-rates was allowed; hence the decrease under that head. The decrease under Tolls is owing to the opening of the Railway which must materially affect the income from that source.

3. On the expenditure side under Grant I the items which present marked variation are *Commissioner's Office*, *Sanitary*, and *Miscellaneous* under *Repairs*. The decrease in these items is owing to the insufficiency of the funds that remain out of the proceeds from Tolls after paying the large contribution of Rupees 2,000 to the Local Fund.

4. The allotment for Education under Grant II shows a large decrease which is due to the following circumstance. The Commissioners having thought that the result system pyal schools do not work successfully and that the lower classes in the municipal schools would better meet the demand for primary education, no provision was made for results grant, and the services of the Inspecting Schoolmaster engaged separately for the pyal schools have been dispensed with.

5. The Regular Estimate alluded to in paragraph 4 of the G. O., dated 27th November 1876, No. 2126, is herewith submitted.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Vice-President, Municipal Commission, Mayaveram, to the President, Municipal Commission, Mayaveram, dated Mayaveram, 29th January 1877, No. 52.

In forwarding, herewith, the Budget Estimate for the year 1877-78, prepared in accordance with the G. O., No. 1646, of the 28th October 1871, and approved by the Commissioners in their Meeting held on the 19th December 1876, I have the honor to make the following remarks with reference to certain items.

2. The opening balance has been put as Rupees 2,000. This is chiefly due to the following circumstance. The Commissioners allotted Rupees 3,300 in the current year's Budget for metalling roads; but, as they could not procure brick gellies (broken bricks) in the town, there will remain nearly Rupees 2,000 at the close of the year.

3. *Pound Fund*.—The Commissioners have entered Rupees 150 against Rupees 100 of the current year, simply because they have received Rupees 150 for the first three quarters of the current official year.

4. Owing to the present distressed condition of the inhabitants of the town, the Commissioners have reduced the house and land rates to 6½ from 7½ per cent; hence the decrease of Rupees 1,000 under this item.

5. The tolls were let on contract for Rupees 7,335 for the current year; but the opening of the Railway must certainly affect this income, and a sum of only Rupees 4,000 is therefore put down for the new year, deducting the amount of Rupees 2,000, being a third to be contributed to the Local Fund Board.

6. *Registration of Carts.*—As the number of carts is increasing in the town, the receipts under this head have been raised to Rupees 500.

7. On calculating the amount of magisterial fines levied up to this date, the Commissioners have reduced the amount from Rupees 200 to Rupees 120.

8. This year the rent for the municipal buildings exceeds the Budget Estimate. It has therefore been raised to Rupees 140.

9. *Fees from Municipal Schools.*—Owing to the increasing strength of the schools, the amount is put down as Rupees 750.

10. *Grant I, New Works.*—A sum of Rupees 750 is allotted for opening a new road from Road No. II to the Railway Station which is very necessary, and Rupees 140 for the erection of a latrine within the hospital compound as recommended by the Deputy Surgeon-General.

11. *Repairs.*—A very small sum of Rupees 682 is set aside for the repair of roads, &c. As the Commissioners have to contribute one-third of the proceeds of Tolls (Rupees 2,000) to the Local Fund Board under G.O., No. 1481, of the 16th August 1876, they are unable to allot sufficient sum.

12. The Commissioners have dispensed with the service of the Accountant under the Overseer as unnecessary; hence is the decrease under the head of establishment.

13. *Grant II, Education.*—The Commissioners have allotted Rupees 2,764 against Rupees 2,464 of the current year. The decrease is attributable to the fact that the management of the Commissioners, and, as the existing result system pyal schools do not satisfactorily work, no funds have been provided for result grants, and the service of the separate Inspecting school-master entertained for the purpose is dispensed with.

14. *Grant III, Hospitals and Dispensaries.*—The pay of a medical pupil and of a totty newly entertained, with the increased provision made for feeding in-patients, is the cause of increase under this head.

15. *Vaccination.*—The Commissioners intend giving a fixed monthly pay of Rupees 10 to the Vaccinator, instead of paying him by fees at four annas per successful case. Provision is also made for the allowance of the Vaccination Superintendent with reference to G.O., No. 1591, of the 2nd September 1876.

16. *Lighting.*—The increase under this item is due to the entertainment of a separate Superintendent to look after the lamps during nights.

No. 132. From Surgeon-Major W. R. CORNISH, F.R.C.S., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 12th February 1877, No. 112.

I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that the Budget Estimate of the Mayaveram Municipality makes ample provision for sanitary purposes during 1877-78, viz., Rupees 4,674 or 23.5 per cent. of its income. In this calculation the amount set apart for "Communications" and "Repairing of roads and streets" have not been taken into consideration.

2. The Municipality propose to employ one 2nd-class Vaccinator only on Rs. 10 per mensem and to devote Rupees 40 as its share for the cost of supervision. No provision is made for a 1st-class Vaccinator (which according to the new rules is incumbent) or for contingencies.

No. 133.

ORDER THEREON, 9th March 1877, No. 876.

The estimated receipts and expenditure of the Mayaveram Municipality for 1877-78 are compared below with the Budget for the current year:—

RECEIPTS.	Estimate, 1876-77.	Estimate, 1877-78.
	RS.	RS.
Balances brought forward	1,750	2,000
Assignments by Government	820	870
Rates on Houses	6,000	6,000
Taxes on Arts	2,200	...
Taxes on Vehicles	550	550
Registration of Carts	450	500
Tolls	5,500	4,000
Fees	500	500
Fines	200	120
Endowments, &c.	300	300
Contribution from Local Funds	300	300
Miscellaneous	830	1,040
Total	19,400	16,180

CHARGES.	Estimate, 1876-77.	Estimate, 1877-78.
	RS.	RS.
GRANT I.		
Communications	...	750
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	350	140
Repairs—		
Communications	3,800	2,140
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	850	250
Establishment	1,422	540
GRANT II.		
Municipal Schools	2,770	2,464
Results Grants	500	...
Contribution to Local Funds for Educational		
Inspection	100	100
Miscellaneous	250	200
GRANT III.		
Hospitals and Dispensaries	1,480	1,663
Vaccination	180	160
Conservancy	4,284	4,284
GRANT IV.		
Lighting	1,298	1,378
Avenues, &c.	240	240
Travellers' Bungalow	72	72
Miscellaneous	250	250
GRANT V.		
Supervision and Management	1,554	1,549
Total	19,400	16,180

The opening balance is as high as Rupees 2,000, owing to the Commissioners not having been able to procure sufficient material during the current year for the utilization

of the full amount of the grant for metalling roads. Excluding opening balances the receipts for 1877-78 are estimated at Rupees 13,180 against Rupees 17,650 in the current year, Rupees 2,200 of the falling off being due to the omission of the Profession tax which was included in the Budget, but did not receive the sanction of Government, and Rupees 1,500 to the exclusion of the Local Fund share of the tolls from both sides of the Budget. The estimated receipts from rates on houses show a decrease of Rupees 1,000, owing to the Commissioners proposing to reduce the rate from $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the annual rental value, on account of the present distressed condition of the inhabitants of the town. It has not been found necessary to propose any reduction of municipal taxation in localities much more affected by the famine than is the district of Tanjore, and, as the funds otherwise available are insufficient to meet the legitimate requirements of the Municipality, the Government must insist on the existing rate being retained. The entry in the abstract has been raised to Rupees 6,000 accordingly.

Although the expenditure on road repairs for the current year is expected to fall short of the Budget provision by upwards of Rupees 2,000, the Commissioners provide only Rupees 1,140 (or according to the Vice-President Rupees 682) for the purpose in the Budget for 1877-78, and the President and Vice-President unite in ascribing this to the insufficiency of the funds that remain out of the proceeds from tolls after paying the large contribution of Rupees 2,000 to the Local Fund Board. The Government observe, however, that the allotments for Communications and Establishment amount to Rupees 2,480, while the Municipal share of the tolls is Rupees 4,000. It is therefore obvious that the insufficient provision for the purpose is due rather to the proposed reduction of the House-tax than to any other cause. The retention of the existing rate of House-tax will permit of the addition of Rupees 1,000 to the allotment for the repair of roads, and the sum of Rupees 708 provided for road coolies should be shown under the same head.

The President will report how far the proposals for reducing the expenditure on education have received the concurrence of the educational officers of the district.

The pay of the Vaccinator, or the substitution of another in his place, should be considered with reference to the new rules.

The figures of the Regular Estimate should be shown in the last column of statements I and II, and the charge for road coolies should be debited to "Works" instead of "Establishment." With the above remarks the Budget is passed.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

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

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