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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

9th March 1877, No. 875.

Municipal—Budget.

Read the following papers:—

No. 128. From H. S. THOMAS, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Combaconum, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Vallam, 13th February 1877, No. 64.

I have the honor to submit the Budget Estimates of Receipts and Charges of the Combaconum Municipality for the year 1877-78 together with the Regular Estimate prepared in accordance with the instructions contained in G.O., dated 27th November 1876, No. 2126.

2. The only item of receipt exhibiting a notable variation is *Subscriptions and Donations*. The falling off under this item is owing to the decrease in the amount of subscriptions for the maintenance of the hospital.

3. The item of expenditure calling for special remarks is *Municipal Schools* under Grant II. The large increase in the allotment is owing to the establishment of an additional girls' school and the entertainment of additional masters in the Municipal schools, the attendance in which has since considerably increased.

From T. GOVINDA ROW, Vice-President, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Combaconum, dated Combaconum, 3rd February 1877, No. 159.

I have the honor to forward, herewith, for transmission to Government, the Budget Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure of this Municipality for the year 1877-78 under the forms prescribed in G.O., No. 1646, dated 28th October 1871, together with the Regular Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure, prepared as per instructions contained in G.O., No. 2126, dated 27th November 1876.

2. It will be observed from Statement I of the Budget Estimate that the receipts of the ensuing year, exclusive of the opening balance, have been estimated at Rupees 32,720 against Rupees 39,160 of the current year, chiefly owing to a reduction of Rupees 5,000 under the head of Tolls for amount to be contributed to the Local Fund Board on account of through traffic.

3. *Fees in Schools and Training Institutions*.—Rupees 500 are entered under this head against Rupees 400 of the current year as it has been decided by the Commissioners to raise the school fees during the ensuing year.

4. *Endowments and Sundry Contributions and Donations*.—Some of the European residents who were subscribing for the hospital having left this place, and many Native gentlemen having stopped their subscriptions, there was a great falling off under this head during the expired months of the current year. Hence the reduction under this head.

5. *Expenditure—New Works—Sanitary and Miscellaneous*.—*Slaughter-house*, Rupees 1,760.—The present slaughter-house being a mere thatched shed it is proposed to erect a permanent one

on a plan to be approved by the Sanitary Commissioner. The above allotment includes the cost of a site to be purchased for the purpose.

6. *Mussulman Burial-ground*—Rupees 400.—The Sanitary Commissioner, in his Inspection Notes of 1875, having objected to the Mussulman burial-grounds being scattered throughout the town, and suggested the closing up of them at once to prevent intramural interment altogether, it is proposed to carry out his suggestions, and a sum of Rupees 400 has been allotted for the purchase of a suitable site for a burial-ground.

7. Rupees 100 have been allotted for the erection of a new present number being found inadequate.

8. *Grant II, Education—Municipal Schools*.—Rupees 3,756 are allotted under this head against Rupees 2,907 of the previous year. The increase is due to the proposed opening of another girls' school in the southern part of the town, and the entertainment of additional school-masters in some of the existing schools, owing to the since-increased strength of the schools.

9. *Grant III, Sanitation and Medical Services—Hospitals*.—Under the head of Establishment a sum of Rupees 4,224 is entered against Rupees 3,804 of the previous year. The substitution of a 2nd-class Hospital Assistant in lieu of a third class one and the entertainment of a writer and a purveyor have caused this increase.

10. As there is much cholera in the district, and it may not very unlikely break out in the town, a sum of Rupees 600 is added to the amount allotted last year under the head of Medicines and Supplies.

11. In spite of all the efforts on the part of the Commissioners to prevent nuisance being committed in the streets during night time, they have only found it impossible to do so. Some of the streets are found very filthy every morning, and the practice of throwing earth over the dirt is considered prejudicial to the better sanitation of the town. The Commissioners have therefore decided to employ from the ensuing year a number of coolies with six toties to sweep and carry the dirt from the streets every morning and evening. Hence the additional charges of latrine carts and toties under the head of Conservancy.

12. *Grant IV, Miscellaneous Municipal Purposes*.—The increase under this grant is due to the proposed increase of lights during the year and the entertainment of additional massalchies for the same.

13. In conclusion, I beg to observe that several useful and necessary works and the metalling of roads were not included in the Budget for want of funds. The Commissioners thought it not advisable to introduce new taxes at a time when there is great scarcity and distress all over the country. I take this opportunity to request you again to inform Government that the portion of collection under Tolls to be contributed to the Local Fund Board for through traffic as fixed by Government is too great, and, as the railway line from this place to Tanjore and Mayaveram will shortly be opened, there will be very little through traffic, and anything beyond one-eighth of the collections as contribution will be more than what is fair and proper.

No. 120. From Surgeon-Major W. R. CORNISH, F.R.S., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 15th February 1877, No. 121.

I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that the Combaconum Municipality makes very satisfactory provisions both for Sanitary purposes and Vaccination in its Budget Estimate for 1877-78. For Sanitation 35.1 per cent. of income is allotted, and for Vaccination Rupees 335 are to be devoted, making up the salary for the year of one 1st-Class Vaccinator Rupees 180, contingencies Rupees 120, and cost of supervision Rupees 35.

No. 130.

ORDER THEREON, 9th March 1877, No. 875.

The subjoined statement is an abstract of the estimated receipts and expenditure of the Combaconum Municipality for 1877-78 compared with the estimates for the current year:—

RECEIPTS.	Estimate, 1876-77.	Estimate, 1877-78.
	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward	4,000	150
Assignments by Government	150	150
Rates on Houses	14,000	14,000
Taxes on Vehicles	1,600	1,800
Tolls	16,570	10,000
Fees	1,350	1,300
Fines	500	600
Endowments, &c.	1,815	1,550
Contribution from Local Funds	2,000	2,000
Miscellaneous	1,175	1,320
Total	43,160	33,364

CHARGES.	Estimate, 1876-77.	Estimate, 1877-78.
	RS.	RS.
GRANT I.		
New Works—	210	
Educational	5,300	
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	4,650	
Repairs—		
Communications	3,450	4,459
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	200	
Establishment	2,202	2,202
Tools and Plant	150	100
GRANT II.		
Municipal Schools	2,957	2,676
Results Grants	300	300
Contribution to Local Funds for Educational		
Inspection	150	70
Miscellaneous	928	400
GRANT III.		
Hospitals and Dispensaries	6,002	5,987
Vaccination	300	335
Registration of Births and Deaths	214	233
Conservancy	11,018	10,014
GRANT IV.		
Lighting	3,010	2,604
Avenues, &c.	300	270
Travellers' Bungalow	134	132
Miscellaneous	585	654
GRANT V.		
Supervision and Management	2,900	2,928
Total	43,160	33,364

No provision is made in the Regular Estimate for the payment to the Local Fund Board of one-third of the proceeds of the tolls in accordance with G.O., dated 15th August 1876, No. 1481. This must now be done and the opening balance for 1877-78 reduced in consequence to Rupees 644.

2. The income for the year, exclusive of the balance in hand, is estimated at Rupees 32,720 against Rupees 39,160 in the current year, the decrease being chiefly due to the exclusion of the Local Fund share of the tolls from both sides of the Budget, and to the gross receipts from tolls being estimated at Rupees 16,570 in the Budget and Rupees 19,070 in the Regular Estimate for the current year, it being anticipated that the opening of the railway will lead to a considerable falling off in the receipts from that source. As the Budget at present stands, however, the Municipal share of the tolls exceeds the allotments for Communications, Public Works Establishment, &c., by Rupees 2,918.

3. As the Commissioners are unwilling to impose any additional taxation in the present year of scarcity, the large reduction in the opening balance necessitates decreases to a corresponding extent in the allotments for expenditure. In the abstract given

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above the Government have effected this by striking out the provision for New Works by reducing the marginally-noted items to the amount of the Regular Estimate

for the current year, and by cutting down the allotment for repairs to roads by Rupees 321. The Commissioners, however, are at liberty to make the adjustment in any other way they may prefer.

4. The nuisance referred to in paragraph 11 of the Vice-President's letter should be put down by vigorous application of the penal clauses of the Act. The District Superintendent of Police will see that the requisite assistance is afforded by the officers under his control.

5. The cost of road coolies should be debited to "works" not to "Establishment."

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Combaconum.

- " 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, Tanjore District.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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