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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

15th March 1877, No. 918.

Municipal—Budgets.

Read the following paper :—

No. 164. *From H. S. THOMAS, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Mannargudi, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Vallam, 9th February 1877, No. 60.*

I have the honor to submit, in the prescribed forms, the Budget Estimates of the Mannargudi Municipality for the official year 1877-78, together with the Regular Estimates prepared in accordance with Government Order, dated 27th November 1876, No. 2126.

2. The only item of receipt exhibiting a marked variation is *Tolls*. The increase under this head is estimated with reference to the actual collections of the previous year 1876-77.

3. The items of expenditure calling for remarks are *Repairs*—(*a*) *Communications* and *Sanitary and Miscellaneous* under Grant I. The decrease under the former head is owing to the contribution of one-third share of the tolls which the Municipality has to pay to the Local Fund, while a large provision for the repair of the water-supply channel has caused an increase under the latter head.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From P. SESHAGIRI RAO, Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Mannargudi, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Mannargudi, dated 24th January 1877, No. 83.

In forwarding herewith, for transmission to Government, the revised Budget Estimate of receipts and disbursements for the official year 1877-78, as well as a Regular Estimate for the year 1876-77 prepared in accordance with G.O., dated 27th November last, No. 2126, I have the honor to submit the following explanation for certain noticeable variations in the budget.

2. *The Opening Balance* of Rupees 1,000 is moderate and calculated to meet the expenditure in the beginning of the year, when collections will be meagre.

3. *Taxes on Vehicles.*—A sum of Rupees 850 is budgeted under this head with reference to the actuals of 1875-76 and expected receipts in 1876-77.

4. *Tolls.*—Increase is estimated under this head from the actuals for 1876-77.

5. *Rent of Municipal Market.*—A new market is under construction and rent expected in 1877-78.

EXPENDITURE.

6. GRANT I.—*Public Works—Sanitary and Miscellaneous—New Works.*—A sum of Rupees 450 was sanctioned under this head for 1876-77 for the construction of toll-gates, &c.; this will not be the case in 1877-78.

7. *Repairs*—(*a*) *Communications.*—The limited provision of Rupees 1,000 under this head is due to want of funds caused by having to pay contribution to Local Fund one-third share of the tolls.

8. (c) *Sanitary and Miscellaneous.*—The large provision under this head comprises the cost of repairing the water-supply channel with reference to the letter of the Superintending Engineer, dated 1st June 1876, No. 1005.

9. *Establishment.*—Slight decrease under this item is owing to the Majstry's pay having been reduced by Rupees 3.

10. GRANT III.—*Sanitation and Medical Services*—(1) *Hospitals and Dispensaries.*—The provision made in 1876-77 is not found sufficient; hence an increase budgeted for 1877-78. The importance and usefulness of this institution is increasing.

11. (4) *Conservancy*—(b) *Scavengering Carts.*—Decrease in expenditure is due to competition of tenders for carts.

12. GRANT IV.—*Miscellaneous Municipal Purposes*—(1) *Lighting.*—Decrease is owing to reduction in the number of lamps in unnecessary places.

13. (4) *Watering Streets and planting Avenues.*—Some of the avenues having grown large require less watering; hence decrease.

14. GRANT V.—*Supervision and Management*—(1) *Office.*—The provision under this head includes the pay, Rupees 2-8-0, of the Town Kurnum, whose services to the Municipality in cases of encroachment, &c., are found indispensable (*vide* President's letter, dated 24th October 1876, No. 208).

15. The other items do not call for any special remarks.

No. 165.

ORDER THEREON, 15th March 1877, No. 918.

The subjoined abstract shows the estimated receipts and expenditure of the Mannargudi Municipality for 1877-78 compared with the budget for the current year:—

RECEIPTS.

	Estimate, 1876-77.	Estimate, 1877-78.
	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward	1,500	—1,930
Assignments by Government	250	240
Rates on Houses	2,600	2,650
Taxes on Vehicles	750	850
Tolls	7,700	8,400
Fees	250	250
Fines	250	250
Endowments, &c.	1,142	1,142
Contribution from Local Funds	1,810	1,810
Miscellaneous	448	608
Total	16,700	14,270

CHARGES.

GRANT I.	Estimate, 1876-77.	Estimate, 1877-78.
	RS.	RS.
New Works—		
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	450	..
Repairs—		
Communications	3,800	1,350
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	550	1,420
Establishment	1,080	564
Tools and Plant	20	36

	Estimate, 1876-77.	Estimate, 1877-78.
	RS.	RS.
lts Grants	500	800
ribution to Local Funds for Educational spection	40	50
II.		
pitals and Dispensaries	4,160	4,650
cination	130	145
istration of Births and Deaths	120	120
servancy	1,790	1,650
V.		
hting	1,090	900
nnues, &c.	1,000	750
cellaneous	60	60
V.		
ervision and Management	1,910	1,775
Total	16,700	14,270

timates for 1877-78 open with a balance in hand of Rupees 1,000, but a e Regular Estimate shows that no provision has been made in the r payment to the Local Fund of one-third of the receipts from tolls, to Rupees 8,800. If Rupees 2,930 be added to the expenditure for dget for 1877-78 will open with a deficit of Rupees 1,933, reducing the total estimated income to Rupees 11,470, while the allotments for expenditure aggregate Rupees 14,400 although nothing is allowed for New Works, and the marginally-noted reductions appear where the detailed allotments are compared with those in the budget for the current year. The Government do not see how the expenditure can be cut down further without seriously impairing the efficiency of the Municipality; and, as they can make no exception to the rule regarding the division of tolls with the Local Fund ly remaining course is to increase the taxation which can probably least inconvenience to the people by raising the rate of tolls from half h rates. The abstract given above has been modified accordingly, but ent will be prepared to consider any proposal which the Commissioners submit for raising the requisite funds by any other means, or for necessity for increased taxation by reducing the expenditure. If eipts from tolls at the increased rates be taken at Rupees 12,600, the re will be Rupees 8,400, which will suffice to recoup the deficit, and allotments made by the Commissioners being retained in full with the small sum of Rupees 130, which, in the abstract given above, has been the provision for Repairs, Communications.

	RS.	
.. .. ..	450	
.. .. ..	1,930	
orks items	20	
.. .. ..	140	
.. .. ..	190	
.. .. ..	250	
.. .. ..	135	
	3,115	
.. ..	310	
.. ..	490	
.. ..	15	
	815	
Net Reduction ..	2,300	

3. The charge for road coolies should be shown under "Works" instead of "Establishment."

4. The Vaccination Establishment must be revised with reference to the new rules.

5. The figures of the Regular Estimate should be shown in the last column of Statements I and II.

6. The budget is passed with the above remarks and alterations.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary.

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

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Mannargudi,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 15th.

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