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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

26th March 1877, No. 1072.

Municipal-Budgets.

Read the following paper:—

No. 323. *From J. H. MASTER, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Bellary, 13th February 1877, No. 65.*

I have the honor to submit the Estimates for the Bellary Municipality for the year 1877-78, together with Regular Estimates prepared in accordance with G.O., No. 2126, dated 27th November last. The Vice-President's covering letter is enclosed.

2. The Commissioners estimate the aggregate receipts, including the opening balance, at Rupees 65,296.

3. The Commissioners enter a sum of Rupees 1,500 in the present Budget under "New Works" with a view to erect a new latrine.

4. The Commissioners consider that as long as they are called upon to pay a contribution of one-third of their toll collections to the Local Fund Board they are unable to provide for new works.

5. The Commissioners further consider that during the year 1877-78 the Municipality instead of advancing would just be able to bear the charges provided in the Budget.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Major N. SWANSTON, Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary, to the Collector and President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary, dated 3rd February 1877, No. 855.

In accordance with paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 2126, dated 27th November 1876, I have the honor to forward Budget Estimate of the Bellary Municipality for 1877-78, and to submit the

Enclosures.
Budget Estimate for 1877-78.
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements during 1876-77. following explanation of the several items worthy of remark:—

STATEMENT I—3 (c), *Taxes on Vehicles.*—A reduction has been made in this item. The grounds being that, owing to the want of fodder and dearness of grain, there will be fewer horses kept and consequently fewer vehicles.

3 (e), *Tolls*.—A large reduction, amounting to upwards of Rupees 2,000, has been here allowed, and even this amount is not considered by the Commissioners a sufficient decrease. It may be however that allowing the falling off in this item of revenue to occur in the first half of the year, it is hoped that better times during the latter half of the year may lead to better rates being obtained.

3 (f), *Fees*.—Here an increase has been estimated for, as sundry fees have been established within the past half year which were not hitherto in vogue, viz., licenses on oil mills, tanneries, &c.

7 (d), *Private Scavenging*.—This is almost an entirely new feature in the Budget of this Municipality. The estimate is framed upon the absolutes of carefully prepared lists, leaving a large margin for further reductions in the cess now levied, in cases which may appear on further inquiry to need such.

7 (e), *Sale of Books*.—A large reduction has been made in this item. Last year's Budget was very greatly over-estimated, too much having been expected from the New Town School.

7 (m), *Grain License*.—In this item also a large reduction has been made, the estimate for the present year being about Rupees 1,500 in excess of what absolutes will amount to.

The total estimated income amounts to Rupees 65,296.

STATEMENT II—GRANT I—1 (c), *Sanitary Miscellaneous*.—The Commissioners have allotted Rupees 1,500 for construction of another new latrine.

We are impressed with the absolute necessity of adding to our wants in this respect. Even though such addition be but at the rate of one per annum.

2 (a), *Communications*.—The paltry sum allotted to the repairs of our communications, again, during the coming as in the current year, is a matter of much concern; but so long as Government insists upon placing such a mill-stone about our necks, as is now the case, viz., the heavy quota of our tolls that is now payable to the Local Fund Board we cannot possibly keep our heads above water.

Our roads will require almost entire remaking during the coming year. Owing to the material of which they are composed, total absence of rain for a lengthy period, is the cause of almost more destruction to them, than the heaviest continuous traffic would be, with now and then a shower. The total amount available for carrying out this work outside Cantonment limits is but Rupees 1,134.

GRANT III—1 (a), *Hospitals and Dispensaries, Establishment*.—An increase has arisen here in consequence of our now having to pay the full salary of the Hospital Assistant—25 per cent. of which had hitherto been met by Government.

4 (e), *Conservancy*.—No grant has been made simply from want of funds.

4 (g), *Private Scavenging Establishment*.—These are both new features in the Budget. The estimate is liberal and all covered by income.

GRANT IV—1 (b), *Lighting Contingencies*.—Reduction has here been found practicable, the estimates of previous years being above.

GRANT V—1 (a), *Office Establishment*.—Establishment has been estimated for agreeably to the revised list of employés.

The total expenditure is set down at Rupees 65,294 which, deducted from the estimated income as shown before, leaves a balance to credit of Rupees 2.

Contingencies generally have been reduced, as it is hoped, by a closer supervision and check, such may be kept to a much lower figure than has hitherto been the case.

The Commissioners invite your serious attention to the fact that during the year 1877-78 our Municipality instead of advancing will be just able to pay its way, if that.

This year we have done something and that something ought to continue year by year.

One matter which has been omitted to be marked upon in its proper place is—

HEAD 4, STATEMENT I—*Fees in Schools, &c.*—At present the fees charged are of three rates, viz., Annas 12, 8, and 4. The income received by these fees is much below the expenditure in the Town School; we have therefore raised the fees to Rupee 1 and Annas 12 and 8, respectively, and our Budget is so estimated for.

No. 324.

ORDER THEREON, 26th March 1877, No. 1072.

The estimated receipts and expenditure of the Bellary Municipality for the year 1877-78 are compared in the subjoined abstract with the estimates for the current year:—

RECEIPTS.		Estimate, 1876-77.	Estimate, 1877-78.
		RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward		400	70
Assignments by Government		4,690	4,766
Rates on Houses		20,000	19,500
Taxes on Vehicles		7,850	7,000
Registration of Carts		1,150	1,000
Tolls		19,330	11,334
Fees		90	500
Fines		2,000	1,200
Endowments, &c.		550	500
Contribution from Local Funds		1,200	1,200
Miscellaneous		6,850	12,560
Total		64,110	59,630

CHARGES.		Estimate, 1876-77.	Estimate, 1877-78.
		RS.	RS.
GRANT I.			
New Works—			
Educational		1,500	1,500
Sanitary and Miscellaneous		3,000	1,500
Repairs—			
Communications		5,000	5,800
Educational		100	100
Sanitary and Miscellaneous		300	200
Establishment		972	200
Tools and Plant		208	240
Contributions to Local Funds		6,000	..
GRANT II.			
Municipal Schools		1,920	1,772
Salary Grants		600	600
Results Grants		1,000	1,000
Contribution to Local Funds for Educational		200	200
Inspection		50	50
Miscellaneous		..	..
GRANT III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries		5,000	5,124
Vaccination		656	556
Registration of Births and Deaths		504	504
Conservancy		27,570	32,232
GRANT IV.			
Lighting		2,900	2,400
Markets		100	72
Choultryes		40	40
Avenues, &c.		1,800	1,800
Travellers' Bungalow		150	126
Miscellaneous		450	800
GRANT V.			
Supervision and Management		4,120	4,512
Balances		70	2
Total		64,110	59,630

2. Excluding the opening balance the estimated receipts for 1877-78 amount to Rupees 59,560 against Rupees 63,710 for the current year, the apparent falling off being attributable to the exclusion of the Local Fund share of the tolls from both sides of the Budget. The large increase under "Miscellaneous" is chiefly due to the extension of the system of private scavenging.

3. The Commissioners complain of the restricted funds available for Public Works consequent on the order of Government directing that one-third of the tolls should be made over to the Local Fund Board. The Government must maintain the principle that tolls levied on through traffic are specially applicable to the communications of the Circle, but it is open to the Commissioners to propose an increase in the rate of tolls or the re-introduction of the Profession-tax. The present season however is not one in which additional taxation should be imposed in this Municipality. The only important variation in the allotments for expenditure when compared with those for the current year is the provision of Rs. 32,232 for Conservancy against Rs. 27,570. This is due to the cause alluded to above—the increase of private scavenging undertaken by the Commissioners.

4. It is presumed that one of the three Vaccinators is of the First Class as prescribed in the Rules, but the different rates of pay should have been shown in Statement II-B.

5. The provision for killing stray dogs should appear under Grant IV.

6. With the above remarks the Budget is passed.

(True Extract.)

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Under Secy. to Govt.

To the President of the Municipal Com. ary.
 „ Public Works Department.
 „ Revenue Department.
 „ Board of Revenue.
 „ Accountant-General.
 „ Sanitary Commissioner.
 „ Surgeon-General, Indian Medical D. ent.
 „ Director of Public Instruction.
 „ President of the Local Fund Board ry District.

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To THE PRESIDENT OF THE
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St. Albans

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