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Municipal—Budget.

No. 278. *Read the following letter from J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., President of the [illegible] to Government, dated 18th November* 1876, *No.* 135:—

I have the honor to submit the Budget for 1877-78 for the Cuddalore Municipality.

2. REGULAR ESTIMATE.—The estimated opening balances of the current year were—

	Rs.
Municipal Fund	120
Endowment Fund	270
Total ...	390

The actuals were—

	Rs.
Municipal Fund	1,634
Endowment Fund	496
Total ...	2,130

The estimated income during the year was Rupees 28,950, which is now calculated to be larger by the sum of Rupees 3,743 by reason of increased receipts and savings as detailed below, thus raising the Regular Estimate of receipts including the opening balances to Rupees 34,823.

Details of estimated increase in receipts:—

	Rs.	Rs.
From Tolls	1,100	
,, Sale of Sweepings	278	
,, Market Rents	125	
,, Taxes on Carriages and Animals	400	
,, Registration of Carts	100	
,, License Fees	150	
,, Sale of Avenue Clippings	200	
,, Sundry Receipts	200	
,, Sale of old Dispensary site and materials	220	
,, Excess Collections of arrears of House and Land rates ...	500	
		3,273
By savings under tools and implements	150	
Repairs to latrines	100	
Registration Contingencies	50	
Conservancy do.	50	
Market do.	100	
Killing dogs do.	20	
		470
Total ...		3,743

On the other hand, while the estimated expenditure in the Budget was calculated to be only Rupees 28,810 the Regular Estimate raises it to Rupees 34,350, the excess of Rupees 5,540 being caused by additional expenditure, as shown below:—

	Rs.
To additional payments to Local Fund Board in consequence of increased income from Tolls	366
To Trustees of Old Town Market	262
Cost of Survey Maps	[illegible]
Metalling Roads and Streets	2,470
Additional Sanitary and Miscellaneous Expenditure	1,765
Fee to the Advocate-General for an opinion	87
Salary Grant for Pensioners, and Anglo-Vernacular Native Schools ...	180
Sundries	20
Pony Allowance to Manager	150
Total ...	5,540

The balance thus left is Rupees 473, of which Rupees 470 belong to Endowment Fund, and Rupees 3 to the Municipal Fund.

The opening balances in the Budget now submitted have been therefore taken at *nil* for the latter fund, and 470 Rupees for the former.

3. Receipts.—The only items calling for any remarks are the receipts from house and land rates, from tolls, and from the sale of sweepings. The Commissioners expect to have collected all the outstanding recoverable arrears of house and land rates during the current year. No credit is therefore taken for any receipts from this source during 1877-78, and as the revised house-rating, which it is hoped will be introduced during that year, is expected to bring in about 500 Rupees more than the present rating without any raising of the rates, the income has been estimated at Rupees 7,500 instead of at Rupees 7,000 as in the current year. The tolls this year realized 12,100 Rupees. They may not sell so well next year, and therefore credit is only taken for Rupees 11,500. The sale of sweepings, it is expected, will fetch 700 Rupees next year. The total estimated income amounts to Rupees 30,570.

Expenditure—Grant V.—A sum of 150 Rupees is provided to meet the cost of printing-charges, and the commission to bill-collectors is raised from 500 to 600 Rupees, because the collection of the house and land rates has only been farmed out for one year, and it may possibly be necessary to raise the commission now paid, viz., $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. next year.

Grant IV.—The Commissioners propose to buy and put up twenty more lamp-posts next year. Their cost (Rupees 300) and the pay of an additional lamplighter (Rupees 48) are provided for under Lighting. No other item under this head calls for remark.

Grant III.—The cost of the two Dispensaries and the Lying-in Hospital is calculated to come to 7,000 Rupees next year. The Commissioners have fixed that sum as a limit beyond which they are not prepared to go. It is somewhat in excess of the budgeted expenditure of the current year, viz., Rupees 6,540. The Commissioners resolved some time ago to amalgamate two of the Municipal Divisions, the second and third, and to appoint an Assistant Inspector on 10 Rupees a-month

in lieu of one of the two Inspectors on 25 Rupees. I myself think the amalgamation was a mistake. They now propose to raise the Assistant's pay to 15 Rupees. Provision is made accordingly under Establishment. No other item under this grant calls for remark.

Grant II.—The total grant for Education is raised from 1,420 Rupees (the allotment for the current year) to 2,310 Rupees, an increase of 61 per cent.; of this [illegible] Rupees is for Results Grants, and 360 Rupees for Salary Grants to two schools in Old Town, viz., the Pensioners' School, and a Native Anglo-Vernacular Proprietary School. The percentage of boys under tuition out of those of a school-going age in the Municipality is sixty-two. The cost of educating this percentage was 1,300 Rupees expended in results grants, besides the charge for supervision. The increase of 38 per cent. in the allotment for this description of grant next year will, it is expected, afford sufficient funds for taking such a number of schools under inspection as will provide elementary tuition for every boy in the Municipality.

Grant I.—The grants under this head are small, but funds are not available for many new works. A sum of 200 Rupees is allotted to each of the five old Divisions for new roads, and 2,000 Rupees for the repairs of all existing ones.

The Commissioners propose to address Government shortly relative to a loan for carrying out some very necessary works.

4. The total expenditure amounts to 29,790 Rupees, leaving a small balance of Rupees 780, of which Rupees 660 belongs to Endowment, and Rupees 120 to Municipal Funds.

No. 279. Order thereon, 21st December 1876, No. 2408.

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

Receipts.

	Actuals, 1876-77.	Estimate, 1877-78.
	Rs.	Rs.
Balance brought forward...	250	470
Assignments by Government	80	50
Rates on Houses	8,000	7,500
Taxes on Vehicles	3,000	3,500
Assessment of Carts	1,000	1,100
Tolls	11,000	7,660
Fees	200	300
Fines	100	100
Endowments, &c.	1,860	1,860
Contribution from Local Funds	2,330	2,330
Miscellaneous	1,380	1,860
Total ...	29,200	26,730

CHARGES.

	Actuals, 1876-77.	Estimate, 1877-78.
GRANT I.	Rs.	Rs.
New Works—		
Communications	...	1,000
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	1,000	...
Repairs—		
Communications	2,570	2,000
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	500	100
Establishment	120	...
Tools and Plant	200	50
Contributions to Local Funds	3,670	...
GRANT II.		
Salary Grants	...	360
Results Grants	1,300	1,800
Contribution to Local Funds for Educational Inspection	120	150
GRANT III.		
Hospitals and Dispensaries	6,540	7,000
Vaccination	170	230
Registration of Births and Deaths	350	310
Conservancy	7,190	7,070
GRANT IV.		
Lighting	1,540	2,080
Markets	100	50
Choultries	660	490
Avenues, &c.	50	50
Travellers' Bungalow	220	220
Miscellaneous	120	350
GRANT V.		
Supervision and Management	2,390	2,640
Balances	390	780
Total ...	29,200	26,730

2. As directed in G.O., dated 27th November 1876, No. 2126, the Local Fund share of the tolls should be deducted from the gross amount collected, and only the net receipts brought to account as an item of Municipal revenue. This has been done in the abstract given above. In Statements I and II the figures of the Regular Estimate should have been shown in the column headed "Probable receipts for 1876-77."

3. The allotment for Education has been raised from Rupees 1,420 to Rupees 2,310. Even this amount however is only 8·6 of the income of the Municipality, but the Government observe that the President considers that the sum provided will be sufficient to admit of such a number of schools being taken under inspection

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as will provide elementary instruction for every boy in the Municipality. This point should be noticed in detail when the year's operations are being reported on.

4. The other items call for no remark, and the Budget is passed.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commissions, Cuddalore.
" 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, Cuddalore.

Exd. J. Wright.

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