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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

6th January 1877, No. 55.

Municipal-Budget.

Read the following paper:—

No. 63. From J. HOPE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Godavery District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Cocanada, 30th November 1876, No. 148.

I have the honor to forward the Budget Estimates for the Cocanada Municipality for 1877-78 with a statement explaining the variations between the same and the Budget Estimates for 1876-77.

2. In accordance with G.O., No. 1747, dated 28th September 1876, the Commissioners have taken to credit only two-thirds of the receipts to be realized from tolls during the year, and, notwithstanding this serious reduction in their revenue, they anticipate an increase of Rupees 3,530 in expenditure. This latter, however, is exceptional and due to one particular work of importance to be mentioned presently.

ment to permit them to raise the tolls to the maximum rates prescribed in Schedule D to Section 78 of Act III of 1871, and to sell the Government bonds (Rupees 2,700) belonging to the Civil Dispensary.

3. When the Budget was discussed, a proposal was made to re-introduce the professional tax, but this was ultimately withdrawn, and the following resolution passed by the Commissioners:—

“Proposed by the Vice-President, and seconded by Mr. E. J. Heiden, that, in order to meet the deficiency in the budget for 1877-78, the Government bonds belonging to the Civil Dispensary be sold and the tolls increased to the maximum rates, to levy a professional tax under present circumstances appearing not desirable. Resolved that the above proposition be carried, and that the budget, as amended, be passed.”

4. With regard to the proposed disposal of the Government bonds, I have the honor to submit the following explanation to the consideration of Government.

5. To the west of the bridge the ground adjacent to the salt creek is invariably at each tide under water and is consequently always in so muddy a state as to render landing next to impracticable. It is proposed to raise and reclaim this ground and to protect the new embankment on the side of the creek with a revetment wall. For this work the Commissioners desire to sell the Government bonds of the hospital as they are sanguine that the money, if employed in reclaiming this ground by the levy of a small impost on those using it, will give a much larger interest than at present, and at the same time that a great improvement to sanitation and commerce will be effected.

6. Government will see that the Commissioners do not wish to appropriate the funds of the Civil Dispensary, but simply to utilize them without causing any loss or inconvenience to it. The Commissioners, therefore, trust that Government will sanction their proposal.

P.S.—Since drawing out the budget, hopes are entertained that the work of raising the swampy ground to the west of the bridge and building a revetment wall on its river aspect will be done by the Marine Department, in which case the expenditure of the year will be reduced by Rupees 3,500 and it will not be necessary to sell the Government bonds of the Civil Dispensary.

No. 64. ORDER THEREON, 6th January 1877, No. 55.
The annexed abstract shows the estimated receipts and expenditure of the Cocanada Municipality for 1877-78 compared with those for the current year:—

RECEIPTS.		Estimate, 1876-77.	Estimate, 1877-78.
		RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward	.. .. .	1,200	1,000
Assignment by Government	.. .. .	200	75
Rates on Houses	.. .. .	9,000	50
Tax on Vehicles	.. .. .	1,000	1,000
Registration of Carts	.. .. .	300	500
Tolls	.. .. .	8,000	6,800
Fees	.. .. .	1,550	1,600
Fines	.. .. .	50	100
Endowments, &c.	.. .. .	1,320	2,820
Contribution from Local Funds	.. .. .	500	1,400
Miscellaneous	.. .. .	1,180	835
Total	.. .. .	24,300	25,130

GRANT I.		1876-77.	1877-78.
New Works—		RS.	RS.
Communications	.. .. .	4,300	3,100
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	.. .. .	..	1,400
Repairs—			
Communications	.. .. .	2,600	1,200
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	.. .. .	400	350
Establishment	.. .. .	300	300
Tools and Plant	.. .. .	116	50
GRANT II.			
Salary Grants	.. .. .	840	960
Results Grants	.. .. .	140	120
Contribution to Local Funds for Educational Inspection	.. .. .	20	20
GRANT III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries	.. .. .	4,400	5,500
Vaccination	.. .. .	190	190
Conservancy	.. .. .	4,324	4,385
GRANT IV.			
Lighting	.. .. .	1,850	1,630
Markets	.. .. .	..	120
Choultries	.. .. .	120	150
Avenues, &c.	.. .. .	700	625
Miscellaneous	.. .. .	750	940
GRANT V.			
Supervision and Management	.. .. .	3,250	2,900
Balances	.. .. .	..	800
Total	.. .. .	24,300	25,130

2. The estimate as submitted shows the total receipts and expenditure at Rupees 27,830 owing to the inclusion of an item of Rupees 2,700, which it was proposed to realise by the sale of the Government securities in which the hospital endowment is at present invested and to expend on the reclamation of some ground adjacent to the salt creek. This amount has been omitted from the abstract given above as, in a postscript to his letter forwarding the budget, the President states that hopes are now entertained that the work will be carried out by the Marine Department. Looking upon the work apart from its desirability on grounds of public utility, it does not commend itself to Government as a very suitable investment for dispensary funds.

3. When the budget was under discussion, a proposal was made for the re-imposition of the profession tax, but it was resolved instead to apply for sanction to raise the tolls to the maximum rates. As the tolls are equitably divided between the Municipality and the Local Fund Board, the resolution of the Commissioners is approved.

4. The object of including a municipal contribution of Rupees 300 to the dispensary in column 6, Statement I.-A, is not very apparent, as it would appear that it is intended that as much as Rupees 1,480 shall be paid out of municipal funds towards the upkeep of the dispensary. The whole of this should appear as a negative balance in column 12.

5. Subject to the above remarks the budget is passed.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary

To the President of the Municipal Commissions, Godavery District.

- .. 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, Godavery District.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONS,

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