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Municipal—Budgets.

Read the following paper :—

No. 204. From W. S. FOSTER, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Godavery, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Cocanada, 22nd January 1878, No. 3.

I have the honor to forward herewith the Budget Estimates of receipts and charges of the Rajahmundry Municipality for 1878-79 prepared in accordance with the instructions contained in G.O., No. 1347, dated 25th April 1877, and the forms given in that order, together with copy of the Vice-President's letter of the 10th instant, No. 64. Regular Estimates of receipts and charges, with the necessary explanations of variations, are also sent.

2. The amount entered under the different grants do not differ to any great extent from those that will probably be spent this year. I certainly think that much is given out of the available funds to Grant III, Sanitation and Medical Services; and 1,000 Rupees are far too small a sum to do any material good to the roads, which are in a very bad condition. The Commissioners have extended their operations for Sanitary and Medical purposes to the detriment of the roads, and I think it would not be well to reduce now the expenditure under Grant III. I do not therefore ask Government to alter the allotments.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. KELSALL, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Rajahmundry, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Godavery, dated 10th January 1878, No. 64.

I have the honor to forward the Budget of the Rajahmundry Municipality for the year 1878-79 with the forms prescribed in G.O., April 25th, No. 1347.

2. Statement VI-A is the Regular Estimate of receipts and charges, and is compiled from the actuals of the first eight months of the present year and the estimated figures of the last four months.

RECEIPTS.—It was expected that the House-tax demand would amount to Rupees 5,500. When, however, the register had been made out, and all appeals heard, the result was that the demand was Rupees 5,050; and all of this will be collected within the year.

(b). The Tolls were farmed for Rupees 4,070, a considerable increase on the receipts of previous years, and of this one-third, or Rupees 1,357, is paid to the Local Fund Board.

(c). The Public Bungalow is rarely used by *bona fide* travellers. Half of it is let to a monthly tenant for Rupees 15 per mensem.

(d). Many private subscribers have withdrawn their subscriptions to the hospital. At present there is not a single native subscriber. I trust that this state of things is only temporary and the result of the pressure of long continued high prices.

(c). The Accountant-General called on the Commissioners to pay Rupees 394 for medicines supplied and it was paid last year, as the Civil Surgeon certified he had received these stores. It was afterwards discovered that this was a mistake and that the stores were really for the Ellore Local Fund Board; the money was recovered from them.

EXPENDITURE.—On account of high prices, the Commissioners in November 1876 resolved to grant "famine batta," at the rate of Rupee 1 per mensem, to all servants drawing less than Rupees 10 a-month. This batta has been paid throughout the year, and this drain has considerably interfered with the Budget allotments. It was intended to spend Rupees 1,000 on a Town Clock, towards which Rupees 736 had been transferred by a Committee to the Commissioners. The Commissioners have had to postpone the work to next year.

For repairs the Budget allotment was Rupees 2,000, but on further explanation, it was reduced to Rupees 1,000. About Rupees 840 will be spent.

(c). The increase of pauper in-patients and the high prices of all articles of food have caused a large increase under the head "Diet of Patients."

The estimated receipts are Rupees 16,747 and the expenditure Rupees 16,358. The year 1878-79 will open with a balance of Rupees 389.

STATEMENT No. I. (1).—A few new houses will be brought on the register on completion and this will cause a reduction in the receipts from building sites at present unoccupied by houses. The register was revised in the current year and will probably be accepted for 1878-79 subject to such corrections as may be required.

(2). The gross receipts from tolls in the past three years have been Rupees 3,610, 3,860, and 4,070, giving an average of Rupees 3,846. It is considered that Rupees 3,900 is a reasonable estimate for next year.

(3). The other items vary very slightly from the figures of the current year, except that an increase is expected under "Service to private parties." Applications have been registered from many fresh private latrines and cesspools. These are attended to by the Municipal Servants and a fee charged.

STATEMENT I-A.—The funded capital is Rupees 4,000, partly in Government paper and partly in the Savings Bank. The Local Fund Board make a grant of Rupees 1,390 and from private subscription another Rupees 1,000 is expected. The subscriptions this year, but there is about the usual amount.

STATEMENT No. II. (1).—Rupees 800 is for the purchase of a Town clock. As mentioned in a former report this sum was raised by private subscription to commemorate the visit of the Prince of Wales, and was transferred to the Municipality with the request that it might be expended in the purchase of a clock. The Commissioners are in correspondence with Messrs. Benson and Co. of London on the subject. It was included as one of the "New Works" of the present year, but on account of the unforeseen expenditure caused by high prices and grant of batta, the Commissioners thought it advisable to postpone giving the order, and it is not likely that anything will be expended this year; it is therefore again inserted in the Budget for 1878-79.

(2). Rupees 1,200 is to be expended in repairing and gravelling the Main Bazaar Road, Lakshmivarapupeta Road, Gunduvari Street, and some minor streets.

(3). Salary grants of Rupees 25, 10, and 6=41 are given to three schools and increased provision has been made for result grants. Nine schools at present receive result grants.

(4). Hospitals.—No provision has been made for continuing famine batta to any of the establishments, as it is considered that before March prices will have fallen considerably. Rupees 250 has been provided for medicines at the suggestion of the Civil Surgeon. It is a smaller sum than usual, but it seems there are plenty of drugs in store and that the annual indent is smaller than is usual. Rupees 950 suffice for the diet of patients in ordinary years. This year there has been additional expense on account of "casuals" and because of the great increase of prices.

(5). Conservancy.—The discontinuance of batta to this very large establishment will effect a great saving. Rupees 6,625 is provided for their pay and Rupees 500 for contingencies, such as digging pits for night-soil, purchase of baskets, brooms, &c.

(6). The apparent decrease of the cost of the Bungalow and Museum establishments is because "batta" has been discontinued.

(7). Supervision and Management.—A majority of the Commissioners considered that the pay of the Manager should be raised from Rupees 30 to 35, and provision has been made accordingly. This will leave Rupees 544 as the balance at the close of 1878-79.

No. 205.

ORDER THEREON, 26th February 1878, No. 352.

The estimated receipts and charges of the Rajahmundry Municipality for 1878-79 are compared in the annexed abstract with those for 1877-78:—

RECEIPTS.		Estimate, 1877-78.	Estimate, 1878-79.
		RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward ..	..	1,830	383
Rates on Houses and Lands ..	..	5,500	5,180
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals ..	..	600	600
Registration of Carts ..	..	200	200
Tolls ..	..	2,570	2,600
Licenses ..	..	450	500
Assignments by Government ..	..	150	100
Contribution from Local Funds ..	..	1,400	1,390
Fines and Fees ..	..	150	150
Endowments ..	..	1,200	1,200
Miscellaneous ..	..	3,420	3,880
Total ..	..	17,470	16,189

CHARGES.		Estimate, 1877-78.	Estimate, 1878-79.
		RS.	RS.
GRANT I.			
New Works—			
Sanitary and Miscellaneous ..	..	1,000	800
Repairs—			
Conservancy ..	..	2,000	2,500
Sanitary and Miscellaneous ..	..	..	200
GRANT II.			
Salary Grants ..	..	550	500
Results Grants ..	..	430	480
Inspection (Contribution) ..	..	20	20
GRANT III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries ..	..	2,350	2,400
Vaccination ..	..	150	150
Conservancy ..	..	7,050	7,125
GRANT IV.			
Lighting ..	..	1,200	1,300
Travellers' Bungalows ..	..	200	175
Miscellaneous ..	..	300	320
GRANT V.			
Supervision and Management ..	..	1,150	1,175
Balances ..	..	1,070	544
Total ..	..	17,470	16,189

2. The estimates vary but little from the sanctioned Budget for the current year, and the entries are fully explained by the Vice-President. The large allotment for Conservancy is satisfactory; but the President remarks that the roads are in a very neglected condition, and the Government entirely concur with him in pressing on the Commissioners the expediency of taking immediate steps to secure their proper maintenance. They therefore trust the Commissioners will resort to the tax on trades for the necessary funds. Should the Commissioners, as the Government hope, resolve accordingly, this order may be regarded as anticipatory sanction.

3. The increase to the Manager's pay is sanctioned, and the Budget is passed as submitted.

4. The contribution of Rupees 80 due to the Medical College under G.O., dated 25th January 1878, No. 147, can be met from the available balance.

5. The allotment for repair of roads is given at Rupees 1,000 in Statement II, while in Statement II-A the particulars given aggregate Rupees 1,200, and nothing is shown against "Miscellaneous."

(True Extract.)

Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

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" Public Works Department.
" Revenue Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" President of the Local Fund Boards, Godavary District.

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