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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

1st March 1878, No. 396.

Municipal—Budgets.

Read the following papers :—

No. 12. *From C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Salem, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Salem, 14th January 1878, No.* 156.

I have the honor to enclose, for the sanction of Government, the Salem Municipal Budget for the year 1878-79, together with a copy of the explanatory memorandum read at the meeting. I enclose also an extract from the Proceedings of the Commissioners at a special meeting held on the 7th instant.

2. The Commissioners trust that the budget as submitted will be sanctioned. The budget has been framed after mature consideration.

Enclosure No. 1.

MEMORANDUM.

We have this day met in order to consider and pass the Municipal Budget for 1878-79. I am glad to say our financial position is likely to be better next year than the present.

2. The Government of India having determined to impose a license-tax, *i.e.*, a tax upon all arts, trades, professions and callings throughout British India, from the 1st April next in order to reimburse to the Government exchequer the amounts expended for the famine, it would be inopportune for us to go up to Government for the continuance of the municipal trades-tax. The discontinuance of this will reduce our credit balance at the end of the year by Rupees 6,000. But as we shall be out of debt and have a closing balance of Rupees 4,440, we can afford to discontinue this tax for this next year at any rate.

3. From the Regular Estimate placed before you at the last meeting you have seen that the current year will close with a balance to our credit of Rupees 1,532-11-7. The budget year therefore will open with this balance.

4. With the exception of the trades-tax above referred to, the remaining sources of revenue from which the Commissioners will derive their income during 1878-79 will be the same as those of the current year. Having adopted early measures for the realization of the house-rate of the current year, we expect to have no arrears uncollected at the beginning of next year, and the current demand, Rupees 14,539, alone has therefore been entered in the budget. The income from the tax on vehicles, animals, and from the registration of carts, as now estimated for, has been based upon the actuals of 1875-76 and 1876-77. Under Tolls the *gross income* derivable has been entered, the Commissioners being unanimously opposed to the continuance of the contribution heretofore given to the Local Fund Board, and I would now ask the meeting to record a resolution to that effect.

5. Under Contributions from Provincial Funds the increased provision, as against the budget and actuals of 1877-78, is owing to the additional grants which will be applied for in aid of the salaries of the additional teachers proposed for the Town Schools.

6. Items such as the "Surplus Pound Funds," "Local Fund Contributions," "Schools," &c., have undergone little or no variation, and the receipts from the remaining sources are estimated upon the actuals of 1876-77 and preceding years.

7. The total receipts estimated amount to Rupees 40,960 as against a regular estimate of Rupees 42,077 in the current year.

8. We now come to the disbursement side of our budget. Under Public Works new I have made a provision of Rupees 500 for building steps in the river where necessary (*i.e.*, in such places as in the Agraharams, the Fort, and the Cannar Street and Gugai, where there are steps built already, but which require either a little repair or a small extension).

Under Buildings the provision of Rupees 200 is for building toll-gates (one is required at Vellakuttai) and for any other petty building that we may have to construct during the course of next year.

Under Drainage I have allowed Rupees 200, which I intend, with your concurrence, to devote to the construction of new drains where badly needed. No provision is made for new wells, and the sum of Rupees 200 entered under Miscellaneous is for any new mud-wall latrines that may be required.

9. Under Repair of Roads I have curtailed the usual grant to Rupees 1,500, as most of our town roads have this year been repaired from Famine Funds. I have entered also Rupees 200 for the repair of drains and Rupees 100 for the repair of wells. The provision of Rupees 1,000 under Miscellaneous is for the repair of the Municipal Bandypett at Shevapett, which greatly needs levelling, and for any other odds and ends, such as repair of latrine walls during the rainy season.

10. The other items under Grant I are Establishment, Tools and Plant, and Sooramangalam Road Contribution, which require no explanation. The Educational grant has been carefully revised by Mr. Small, and the only changes calling for any remark are two additional teachers for the two Town Schools and the constitution of the B Division Combined System School into one under the Salary System. The grant for "Miscellaneous purposes" of Rupees 440 is for new furniture required and for the school-rent. A reserve of Rupees 300 has also been allowed, which it is intended to expend in the organization of two new Combined System Schools at Shevapett.

11. GRANT III.—The provision for the Municipal Dispensary continues unaltered. Under ...tion the salary of the Municipal Vaccinatrix has been raised from Rupees 9 to Rupees 10. ...mark that some time since the Deputy Inspector of Vaccination addressed me ... an allowance monthly of Rupees 15 to him for the work he does in ... vaccine operations but I do not think it desirable that the Commissioners themselves with this additional expenditure for a work which our Native ... will gladly undertake without prejudice to his present duties. G.O., No. 1167, dated 5th April 1877, permits the course I now propose, and according to G.O., No. [illegible], dated 24th November 1877, the Commissioners will not have to pay any contribution to the Local Funds. I would therefore propose that the Commissioners request the Deputy Inspector of Vaccination to make over all municipal vaccination work to our Native Surgeon.

12. *Registration of Births and Deaths.*—Having given a trial to the system of payments by results for the last ten months, I find that after all the work done by the Registrars has remained the same, but that the high rate of fee allowed them entails expenditure in excess of the budget. I think it therefore advisable for the Commissioners to revert to the old system of fixed salaries, the work of the Registrar being occasionally supervised by the Native Surgeon.

13. Under Conservancy I would be glad if any reduction in the establishment can be effected without interfering with the efficient working of the department. I would therefore leave it to you to consider whether we cannot reduce the establishment by twelve scavengers, eight toties, and three drain-cleaners, making a reduction of Rupees 100 per mensem, or Rupees 1,200 in the year, in this department. The other items under Grants III and IV remain much the same as in the current year, and do not call for any particular remark.

14. In conclusion, the alterations in the budget in the establishment I would suggest for your consideration are—

(i.) The reduction of the Conservancy Establishment by Rupees 1,200; and I would ask you for some acknowledgment to the Head of the office, S. Venkatesier, who has served the Municipality faithfully for seven years. I propose putting him on the same footing as the Head of the office in the other Municipalities, such as Bellary, Tanjore, Madura, Coimbatore, and Combaconum, and raising his pay to Rupees 100 with the designation of "Manager."

(ii.) I would also raise the pay of the 2nd Clerk and Cashier of the office, who have also been with us for a long time, to Rupees 35 and 30, respectively, and the ... Inspectors, who have served us respectively seven and three years, to 4[illegible] Rupees each, and the Assistant Inspector, who has served three years, from Rs. 15 to 20.

With these remarks I leave the budget in your hands.

SALEM,
4th January 1878.

(Signed) C. T. LONGLEY,
President, Municipal Commission, Salem.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners, Salem, dated 7th January 1878.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

The President.	Mr. Devasagayam Pillai.
„ Vice-President.	„ Abib Sahib.
Mr. Small.	„ Cooppoosami Chetti.
„ Boalth.	„ Iyalu Naidoo.
„ Gomes.	„ Narasaiyer.
„ Manicka Mudaliar.	„ Runga Chariar.

Para 1. Read Memorandum from the President submitting the Budget for 1878-79 to the Meeting.

Read budget.

Resolved that the budget as now read be passed.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) T. PRITCHARD,
Vice-President,
for *President.*

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners, Salem, dated 7th January 1878.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

The President.	Mr. Devasagayam Pillai.
„ Vice-President.	„ Abib Sahib.
Mr. Small.	„ [illegible]
„ Boalth.	„ Iyalu Naidoo.
„ Gomes.	„ Narasaiyer.
„ Manicka Mudaliar.	„ Runga Chariar.

Para 5. Read G.O., dated 5th April 1877, No. 1167.

Resolved that, in reference to the above, the Inspector of Vaccination be informed that the Commissioners desire that M.R.Ry. Manicka Mudali, Native Surgeon and Municipal Commissioner, supervise the working of the Municipal Vaccinators, the Municipality forwarding the usual returns through the Deputy Inspector of Vaccination.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) T. PRITCHARD,
Vice-President,
for *President.*

Forwarded to Government with reference to paragraph 11 of the explanatory memorandum.

No. 13. *From Surgeon-Major W. R. CORNISH, F.R.C.S., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 21st January 1878, No. 110.*

I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that, excluding Communications, Buildings, Hospitals, Registration, and Vaccination from the Budget Estimate of the Salem Municipality for 1878-79, the grant made for sanitary purposes amounts to Rupees 15,610, or 38·1 per cent. of income. This is ample. The allotment for Vaccination also is satisfactory. Rupees 490 are to be expended for this object. The Salem Municipality does not pay for the cost of superintendence to the Local Fund Circle, as under G.O., No. 1167, of 5th April 1877, the Civil Surgeon will supervise the work of the Municipal Vaccinators.

No. 14.

ORDER THEREON, 1st March 1878, No. 396.

The Budget Estimates of the Salem Municipality for the current year ar trasted in the following abstract with those for 1878-79 :—

RECEIPTS.

	Estimate, 1877-78.	Estimate, 1878-79.
	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward	—7,000	1,[illegible]30
Rates on Houses and Lands	18,000	14,500
Taxes on Arts	6,[illegible]90	...
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals	1,700	1,800
Registration of Carts	2,200	2,200
Tolls	8,000	10,000
Licenses	[illegible]00	1,600
Assignments by Government	1,7[illegible]0	1,230
Contribution from Local Funds	2,6[illegible]0	2,600
Fines and Fees	[illegible]00	1,000
Endowments	[illegible]00	...
Miscellaneous	5,[illegible]00	4,500
Total ...	40,370	40,960

CHARGES.

	Estimate, 1877-78.	Estimate, 1878-79.
	RS.	RS.
GRANT I—		
New Works—		
Communications	700	500
Buildings	930	200
	1,900	[illegible]
Communications	2,000	[illegible]500
Buildings	50	...
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	200	1,300
Establishment	620	360
Tools and Plant	300	200
Reserve	300	...
Contributions to Local Funds	600	[illegible]00
GRANT II—		
Municipal Schools		
Salary Grants	2,130	2,4[illegible]0
Results do.	1,420	1,1[illegible]0
Schools on the Combined System	500	3[illegible]0
Inspection (Contribution)	...	5[illegible]0
Miscellaneous	120	[illegible]0
GRANT III—	270	7[illegible]0
Hospitals and Dispensaries	5,580	5,[illegible]80
Vaccination	480	[illegible]490
Registration of Births and Deaths	380	370
Conservancy	14,400	[illegible]
GRANT IV—		
Lighting	800	800
Markets	300	[illegible]80
Choultries	600	600
Travellers' Bungalow	60	80
Avenues and Watering Roads	500	360
Miscellaneous	490	280
GRANT V—		
Supervision and Management	3,490	[illegible]30
Balances	1,850	4,440
Total ...	40,370	40,960

The falling off in the estimated receipts under "Rates on Houses and Lands" is due to the fact that the current demand will probably be fully realized before the close of the year, and consequently there will be no arrears to swell the receipts of 1878-79.

2. The Commissioners propose to discontinue the tax on trades from the close of the current year on the ground that the Government of India propose taxing trades for Imperial purposes. The G[illegible]nt cannot admit this as an adequate reason for the abandonment of the [illegible] the Commissioners will therefore be requested [illegible] the Budget for 1878-79, and take immediate steps f[illegible] notifying the same before the 31st March.

3. The question relating to the Local Fund Board's claim to a share in the Municipal Tolls will be disposed of on the President's letter of 14th January 1878, No. 151, now before Government.

4. The allotments for Public Works appear satisfactory. The roads having been mainly repaired from Famine Funds, a smaller* allotment for repairs is provided.

*Rupees 1,500 against [illegible],600 in 1877-78.

5. The provision for Education calls for no special remark. The falling off in the allotment for School[illegible] on the Combined System is explained.

6. The proposed expenditure on Sanitation and Medical Services is less than the regular estimate for the current year. This is due to the absence of the extraordinary charges resulting from the cholera epidemic and from the famine. It is observed that the conservancy establishment has been considerably reduced. As, however, the Sanitary Commissioner considers the provision in the budget ample, the Government will raise no objection.

7. The propos[illegible] increases to the sa[illegible] of subordinates are open to objecti[illegible] The proposals are in[illegible] his proposals in a [illegible] matter.

8. The contributions to the Medical College as per G.O., dated 25th January 1878, No. 147, will be Rupees 205, and can be met from the unallotted balance.

(True Extract.)

Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Salem.
" 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, Salem District.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

Revenue Dept.

No 1072.

Govt. of [1878] Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

The PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Salem,

&c., &c., &c.

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