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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

8th March 1878, No. 461.

Municipal—Budgets.

Read the following paper:—

No. 84. *From H. St. A. GOODRICH, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Vizagapatam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Vizagapatam, 2nd February 1878, No. 118.*

I have the honor to submit herewith, for the sanction of Government, the budget estimates for 1878-79 and the regular estimate for 1877-78 of the Vizagapatam Municipality prepared in accordance with the instructions given in G. O., dated 25th April 1877, No. 1347.

2. OPENING BALANCE.—From the regular estimate it will be observed that the receipts for the current year including the balance brought forward amount to Rupees 21,713, while the charges amount to Rupees 22,952, and that the year 1878-79 therefore opens with a large deficit balance of Rupees 1,239. The excess in charges is due to the following reason:—

The Municipality has been obliged to spend during the early part of the year large sums not provided for in the sanctioned budget in enclosing a spot for a new Mahomedan burial-ground, in repairing some of their buildings, and in adopting sanitary measures to check the progress of cholera. The expenses being indispensable were incurred. The Municipality did its best to curtail the expenditure during the next three months of the year, but it has unavoidably incurred debt of Rupees 1,239 at the beginning of the ensuing year; the expenditure provided for in the next three months cannot be retrenched. The variations between the regular estimate and the sanctioned estimate are fully explained in the memorandum attached to the regular estimate.

3. RECEIPTS.—The receipts for 1878-79 are estimated at Rupees 22,962 against Rupees 21,678 of the current year. There is, however, a decrease in the item "Rate on Houses," which is owing to the inclusion of a large arrear of Rupees 957 in the house-tax collections of the current year and to many of the houses destroyed by the cyclone not having yet been repaired. The memorandum attached to the estimate fully explains the causes of variations between the estimated receipts of the current and the ensuing years.

With respect to the estimate under tolls, the views of the Municipality are fully detailed in the letter of the Board of Revenue copy whereof is enclosed. The Municipality will collect tolls at full schedule rates from and after the 1st April next and pay to the Local Fund Board a contribution of one-third of the collections. During the ensuing year the Municipality expect to realize Rupees 14,160, of which Rupees 4,160 will be paid to the Local Fund Board.

4. CHARGES.—The charges under Grant I are estimated at Rupees 5,700 against Rupees 4,550 of the current year. Some works which are necessary for the benefit of the town could not be provided for as the decrease in receipts did not admit of making a greater provision under this head.

5. GRANT II.—The provision made for education is Rupees 1,000 less than that for the current year. The decrease is in results grants owing to the reduction in the standard (*vide* G. O., dated 9th May 1877, No. 196).

6. GRANTS III, IV, AND V.—The estimated charges under these grants amount to Rupees 9,886, Rupees 2,212, and Rupees 2,480, respectively, against Rupees 10,671, Rupees 2,753, and Rupees 2,577 of the current year. The variations between the estimates for the current and the ensuing years are explained in the memorandum attached to the budget.

No. 85.

ORDER THEREON, 8th March 1878, No. 461.

In the following abstract the estimated receipts and expenditure of the Vizagapatam Municipality for the current year are contrasted with the figures for the coming year 1878-79:—

| RECEIPTS.                     |     |     |     | Estimate,<br>1877-78. | Estimate,<br>1878-79. |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                               |     |     |     | RS.                   | RS.                   |
| Balance brought forward       | ... | ... | ... | 1,163                 | —1,239                |
| Rates on Houses and Lands     | ... | ... | ... | 4,300                 | 4,090                 |
| Taxes on Arts                 | ... | ... | ... | 5,000                 | 4,200                 |
| Taxes on Vehicles and Animals | ... | ... | ... | 2,100                 | 2,100                 |
| Registration of Carts         | ... | ... | ... | 150                   | 150                   |
| Tolls                         | ... | ... | ... | 8,000                 | 10,000                |
| Licenses                      | ... | ... | ... | 50                    | ...                   |
| Assignments by Government     | ... | ... | ... | 20                    | 12                    |
| Fines and Fees                | ... | ... | ... | 50                    | 50                    |
| Endowments                    | ... | ... | ... | ...                   | 2,000                 |
| Miscellaneous                 | ... | ... | ... | 307                   | 360                   |
| Total                         | ... | ... | ... | 21,140                | 21,723                |

| CHARGES.                   |     |     |     | Estimate,<br>1877-78. | Estimate,<br>1878-79. |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                            |     |     |     | RS.                   | RS.                   |
| GRANT I.                   |     |     |     |                       |                       |
| New Works—                 |     |     |     |                       |                       |
| Buildings                  | ... | ... | ... | ...                   | 1,000                 |
| Sanitary and Miscellaneous | ... | ... | ... | 100                   | 1,450                 |
| Repairs—                   |     |     |     |                       |                       |
| Communications             | ... | ... | ... | 3,000                 | 2,500                 |
| Buildings                  | ... | ... | ... | ...                   | 200                   |
| Sanitary and Miscellaneous | ... | ... | ... | 400                   | 550                   |
| GRANT II.                  |     |     |     |                       |                       |
| Results Grants             | ... | ... | ... | 2,000                 | 1,000                 |
| Inspection (Contribution)  | ... | ... | ... | 310                   | 310                   |
| GRANT III.                 |     |     |     |                       |                       |
| Hospitals and Dispensaries | ... | ... | ... | 1,657                 | 1,230                 |
| Vaccination                | ... | ... | ... | 174                   | 230                   |
| Registration of Births     | ... | ... | ... | 435                   | 435                   |
| Conservancy                | ... | ... | ... | 7,743                 | 7,633                 |
| GRANT IV.                  |     |     |     |                       |                       |
| Lighting                   | ... | ... | ... | 902                   | 594                   |
| Poor-house                 | ... | ... | ... | ...                   | 1,568                 |
| Miscellaneous              | ... | ... | ... | 394                   | 410                   |
| GRANT V.                   |     |     |     |                       |                       |
| Supervision and Management | ... | ... | ... | 2,488                 | 2,480                 |
| Balances                   | ... | ... | ... | 1,539                 | 135                   |
| Total                      | ... | ... | ... | 21,140                | 21,723                |

2. The regular estimate shows an opening balance of Rupees 35, whereas the closing balance, according to the annual report for 1876-77 for that year, was Rs. 1,068 (G. O., 22nd September 1877, No. 2367, paragraph 2). The deficit anticipated at the close of the current year should thus be reduced from Rupees 1,239 to Rupees 206.

3. Under receipts it is observed that there is a slight falling off under the House-tax and a more appreciable decrease under Tax on Trades. The former has been explained, the latter not. The budget estimate for the current year was Rupees 5,000, whilst the demand was Rupees 4,182 only as shown in the remark paper on the regular estimate. The discrepancy should have been explained.

4. The increase under Tolls is explained. The item may stand as proposed pending final orders on the Vizagapatam Municipal tolls in connection with the Local Fund Budget now under consideration.

5. The item, Rupees 2,000, shown under Endowments, should have been fully explained. It appears to be public subscriptions to the support of a poor-house for feeding distressed Mahomedans originally raised by a Private Committee. Detailed information should be supplied in the annual report, for it is clearly inexpedient for Municipal Commissioners to be the collectors of private charity if such is the case. Meanwhile the item may stand.

6. The proposed expenditure does not call for remark and is generally approved. The charges, however, for lunatics should appear under Grant IV and not Grant III. The closing balance should also be raised with reference to the remarks on the opening balance.

7. Subject to these remarks and the provision of a contribution of Rupees 108 to the Medical College under G. O., 25th January 1878, No. 147, the budget is passed.

(True Extract.)

Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Vizagapatam.  
 " 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 Board, Vizagapatam-District.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,  
Vice-president,  
&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 31st.

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