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Municipal—Budgets.

Read the following papers:—

No. 86. *From F. R. H. SHARP, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, South Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Tirunamanullore, 13th February* 1878, *No.* 13.

I have the honor to submit herewith the Budget of the Chedambaram Municipality for the year 1878-79 with the following explanatory remarks.

2. RECEIPTS—*Balance.*—The opening balance arrived at by preparing a Regular Estimate of the current year is put down as Rupees 6,688 against the closing balance of Rupees 140 in the original Budget. The large increase is chiefly due to the collections during this year of the arrears of house and land rates of 1876-77, to the anticipated receipt of Rupees 1,500 as deposit by the contractor of tolls, to the contribution by Government to the Medical Officer's pay, and to there being no probability of the [illegible] department for cleansing tanks and wells and for communications being fully spent this [illegible] Budget. No reason is assigned by the Commissioners for the difference, but it is not large.

Rates and Taxes.—The arrears of rates, &c., are estimated at Rupees 2,600 and the receipts during 1878-79 at Rupees 5,000, making a total of Rupees 7,600 or Rupees 600 in excess of the current year's Regular Estimate. The tax on carriages and animals and the receipts from the registration of carts are put down as Rupees 600 and Rupees 400, respectively, being the same as the amounts for 1877-78.

The receipts from Fees and Magisterial fines are taken respectively at Rupees 100 and Rupees 150, and do not call for any remarks.

The receipts from Bye-laws and Schedule A show a falling off of Rupees 75 as compared with the Regular Estimate for the current year, and this decrease is owing to a very large number of permanent verandahs having been permitted to be built during the current year. The receipts from tolls are estimated at Rupees 4,500 against Rupees 6,000 of the current year's Budget. The decrease is owing to the anticipated opening of Railway communication between Porto Novo and the Coleroon bridge. It is doubtful, however, if the line north of Chedambaram will be open until a late period of the year, as the Vellar Railway bridge will not be completed probably for twelve months hence. Rupees 30 has been entered as "School fee." This is a new item in consequence of the Municipality having undertaken the management of a Mahomedan School which has been hitherto managed by private agency, receiving a monthly grant of Rupees 5 from the Municipality.

The income from the Funded capital is fixed, being Rupees 220, and the sale of Medicines is expected to yield only Rupees 5. But if the Government resolve upon the payment of the cost of medicines by public officers, this item should be much larger.

Under "Contribution from Local Funds," Rupees 3,500 has been credited—Rs 2,000 being allotted for the construction of a Dispensary and Rs. 1,500 for the sanctioned establishment of the institution. As regards the contribution of

Rupees 2,000, I may here state that the Local Fund Board have resolved not to build at Chedambaram an expensive permanent building at a cost of Rupees 12,660 as originally proposed, but one permanent building for a Dispensary proper with leaf sheds for the reception of in-patients.

Miscellaneous Receipts.—The probable income from markets is estimated at Rupees 300, as it is proposed to build permanent markets in lieu of the present temporary sheds so as to secure a monthly rent of Rupees 25.

The income from sale of lands, &c., and from other sundry items is estimated at Rupees 280. But I doubt if any sufficient reason will be found for selling any more lanes or thoroughfares merely because they are allowed to become latrines from neglect of the Police and the Conservancy establishment.

The total receipts including the balances are estimated to amount to Rs. 23,348.

3. EXPENDITURE.—GRANT I—(1). The allotment for New Works is Rupees 9,400 and is composed of Rupees 2,000 for the construction of a dispensary, Rupees 4,500, for roads and tunnels, and Rupees 2,900 for building vegetable and fish markets and latrines. The provision for Communications is large, as the metalling of the high road is intended to be taken up as soon as material can be brought in by Railway. At present there is not any properly constructed road in the Municipality as mentioned above. It is doubtful, however, if the Railway Bridge over the Vallar at Porto Novo will be open for traffic until the year is very far advanced.

(2.) Rupees 96 is provided for repairing roads and streets, Rupees 175 for the repair of dust-bins and cart-stands, and Rupees 20 on account of tools and plant. The provision for "Establishment" is Rupees 684 against Rupees 579, being the expenditure as per Regular Estimate of the current year. It is proposed to dispense with the services of the lascar now employed. The establishment is to consist of a Road

the management of the Municipality; Rupees 60 for [illegible] Rupees 800 for results grants; and Rupees 150 on account of the contribution to the Local Fund Board towards the salary of the Inspecting Schoolmaster.

5. GRANT III.—(1.) *Hospitals and Dispensaries.*—The total allotment under this head is Rupees 2,858 distributed as follows:—

	RS.
Establishment	2,268
Medicines and Supplies	310
Sundries and Contingencies	280

It is to be remarked that the pay of the Compounder and the Peon has been increased from Rupees 10 and Rupees 5 to Rupees 12 and Rupees 6, respectively, more suitable rates for their duties.

(2.) *Vaccination.*—Rupees 120 has been entered for the Vaccinator's pay and Rupees 30 for Results grants.

(3.) The sum of Rupees 144 is allowed for the pay of the Registrar of Births and Deaths, and this calls for no remark.

(4.) *Conservancy.*—The provision under this head is Rupees 5,037 distributed as follows:—

	RS.
Establishment	2,124
Cost of Conservancy carts including those to be engaged temporarily during the half-yearly festivals	1,500
Repairing drinking-water tanks	1,000
Purchase of land for depositing rubbish	413

6. GRANT IV—*Lighting.*—Rupees 300 is entered for establishment and Rupees 200 for contingencies, against Rupees 240 and Rupees 600 of the current year. As it has been proposed to purchase a large quantity of oil before the close of the current

year so as to leave a large stock on hand on the 1st April available for the next year, Rupees 200 is considered sufficient for contingencies. The other items do not call for any explanation.

7. GRANT V.—Rupees 900 is allotted for the establishment consisting of a Manager on Rupees 35, one clerk on Rupees 18, one clerk on Rupees 12, and two peons on Rupees 5 each per month. It is proposed to dispense with the services of Bill Collectors, as their work can be conveniently done by the Conservancy Overseers in addition to their sanitary duties. Efforts will be made to ensure their not neglecting their conservancy duties. The pay is hardly large enough to secure suitable men even for the conservancy work. The other items under this head call for no remarks.

Refund.—The sum of Rupees 1,500 which may be deposited by the contractor of tolls is entered under this head.

8. The grand total of expenditure amounts to Rupees 23,048, leaving a balance of Rupees 300.

9. The Vice-President's letter, No. 367, dated 9th instant, submitting the Budget is herewith forwarded.

10. I regret that unavoidably I was not present at the meeting at which the Budget was framed.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From O. KRISTNA ROW, Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Chedambaram, to the President of the Municipal Commission, South Arcot, dated Chedambaram, 9th February 1878, No. 367.

I have the honor to submit herewith the Budget Estimate for 1878-79.

[illegible] the contribution by Government to the Medical Officer's pay and [illegible] the allotment for cleansing tanks and wells not being availed of totally, as well as to the fact that during the year not more than Rupees 1,000 are expected to be spent out of the grant of Rupees 2,218 allotted for expenditure on Communications. These causes, coupled with several other variations in the Regular Estimate, contribute to raise the opening balance so high.

3. *Assignment and Allotment by Government.*—The Surplus Pound Fund, the Commissioners are of opinion, would yield Rupees 75, Rupees 25 less than in the current year; but the fishery rents are calculated to yield an increased revenue of Rupees 150 or Rupees 50 more than in the Regular Estimate.

4. *Rates and Taxes, &c.*—Inclusive of the arrears estimated at Rupees 2,600, the rates on houses and lands are calculated to amount to Rupees 7,600.

The tax on carriages and animals and the receipts from the registration of carts are expected to yield Rupees 1,000, being equal to the amount provided for in the Budget Estimate for the current year. The probable receipts from Bye-laws and Schedule A show a falling off of Rupees 75, as compared with the sum entered in the Regular Estimate under this head, as the Commissioners have resolved not to allow permanent erections of any kind to be constructed in future, owing to the public encroachments occasioned by the unusually large number of permanent verandahs that have been permitted to be built during the current year.

Tolls.—The income from tolls is, deducting the usual contribution to the Local Fund Board, reckoned at Rupees 3,000, showing comparatively a considerable reduction. The Railway communication to this town is expected very shortly, which would materially diminish all traffic by carts; hence the deficit.

From Fees, under Sections 123 125, 130, 131 and 136, and Magisterial fines, no increase is expected. They are put down at Rupees 250.

5. *Fees in Schools.*—This is a new source of income since the establishment of the Municipality. The Mahomedan School, which has all along been managed by private agency with the aid of the monthly Municipal grant of Rupees 5, has been taken up by the Commissioners on the representation made by the present Manager of his inability to support it any longer. S. Kristnama Charriar, one of the Commissioners, has kindly undertaken its supervision. The collection from fees, the Commissioners opine, cannot exceed Rupees 30, at the low rates they mean adopting during 1878-79.

The interest on the funded capital of Rupees 4,000 at 5½ per cent. gives an income of Rupees 220. The sale of medicines is expected to realize no more than Rupees 5 as there are not many in the town rich enough to afford to buy them, and further there is but one European resident living in the station.

6. *Contribution from Local Funds.*—The Local Fund Board, Virdachellam Circle, have made provision in their Budget for the erection of a dispensary here, and Rupees 2,000 have been allotted for the purpose. This and the usual contribution of Rupees 1,500 in support of the local dispensary by the Local Fund Board are entered in the Budget.

7. *Miscellaneous.*—Rents from Municipal markets are thought probably to yield Rupees 300 against the current year's income of Rupees 35-10-2, made up of 31 Rupees realized from the contractor to whom the present vegetable market—a temporary shed of palm leaves—has been farmed out, and of Rupees 4-10-2, the sum collected departmentally for a short time owing to the default made by the original contractor in the payment of the contract amount within the stipulated time. Two permanent markets, one for the sale of vegetables and another for fish, have been proposed to be started and the income of Rupees 25 per mensem is anticipated; hence the increase.

Sale of Lands.—The Commissioners with the sanction of Government contemplate upon the sale of one or two lanes which by their position afford much facility for the committing of nuisances. The Budget provides for the revenue of Rupees 100 from this source.

Other Miscellaneous receipts are estimated at Rupees 180.

8. EXPENDITURE.—Under Grant I is allotted the sum of Rupees 10,375. The expenditure detailed will be as follows:—

	RS.
New Works—	
Erection of a Dispensary	2,000
Communications	4,500
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	2,900
Establishment	684
Tools, Plant, and Contingencies	20
Total ..	975
Grand Total ..	10,375

9. GRANT I—*New Works.*—The sum of Rupees 2,000 to be contributed by the Local Fund Board for the erection of a dispensary consisting of a pucka building and temporary sheds as sick wards is expected to be spent wholly within 1878-79. The communications under New Works are expected to cost Rupees 4,500. The metalling up of the high road will be taken up as soon after the railway line is opened as practicable.

Additional tunnels will be constructed at the expense of Rupees 500.

Sanitary and Miscellaneous.—The erection of vegetable and fish markets is expected to cost Rupees 1,900, Rupees 1,300 for the former and Rupees 600 for the latter, and the remaining Rupees 1,000 the Commissioners anticipate will be enough to meet the expenditure on latrines proposed to be erected early next year.

Repairs.—For the repairing of roads and streets Rupees 96 are provided instead of Rupees 405-10-4 as entered in the Regular Estimate, and this, it is calculated, will be sufficient to keep them in good order. The sum of Rupees 175 is provided for the repairing of cart-stands, &c. The sum of Rupees 20 is put down for the purchase of tools, plant, &c.

Establishment.—The services of the lascar have been found unnecessary and will be discontinued from April next. The Road Superintendent will draw, as usual, Rupees 15 a month, or Rupees 180 the year, which added to the salaries of the twelve coolies proposed to be entertained, six on Rupees 4 and the rest on Rupees 3 per mensem, makes Rupees 684, the cost of the establishment as entered in the Budget.

Tools, Plant, and Contingencies.—The sum of Rupees 20 is thought sufficient to meet the requirements.

10. GRANT II—*Education—Municipal Schools—"Establishment."*—As already explained, the Noor Saib's school has been taken under the management of the Commissioners. Rupees 10 a month will be given to the tutor. Rupees 5 a month are expected to cover the rent of a building for the location of the school and other contingent expenses.

The sum of Rupees 800 is provided on account of result grants to the Local Fund Board. The usual contribution of Rupees 150 for Inspectorate is provided for.

11. GRANT III—*Medical Establishment.*—The salaries of the compounder and the peon have been raised from Rupees 10 and 5 to Rupees 12 and 6 a month, respectively; hence the e

Vaccination.—The Commissioners have allotted Rupees 150 for vaccination to p the vaccinator on Rupees 10 per mensem and the result grants on successful cases.

Registration of Births and Deaths.—The allotment of Rupees 144 for registration of births and death needs no special remark.

Conservancy.—The establishment will consist of

	RS.	
Sanitary Inspector on	25	per mensem.
Four Overseers on Rupees 7 each	28	"
Twenty-four scavengers on Rupees 4½ each	108	"
Four tank watchers on Rupees 4 each	16	"
Total ...	2,124	a year.

The provision of Rupees 1,500 has been made for the cost of conservancy carts to maintain twelve of them throughout the year and also a few additional ones that have to be employed during the half-yearly festivals in the locality when thousands of pilgrims resort to the place rendering the use of the services of more than the usual number of conservancy carts very necessary. It is proposed to cleanse and repair one of the large tanks reserved for bathing and the several [illegible] in 1878-79. Rupees 130 are entered for Watering Fees and Planting Fences inclusive of the price of water-cart bullocks.

13. GRANT V.—For the establishment Rupees 900 are allotted—

	RS.	
Manager on	35	a month.
Head Clerk on	18	"
Second Clerk on...	12	"
Two peons (on Rupees 5 each)	10	"
Total ...	900	a year.

14. *Miscellaneous.*—The Commissioners do not see any necessity for the continuance of the services of the existing bill collectors. The town being very compact and the Municipal villages very close it is proposed by the Commissioners to entrust to the Conservancy Overseers the duty of the bill collectors in addition to their work of supervising the streets of the town.

Refunds.—Rupees 1,500, the expected deposit of the toll contractor, will be refunded.

No. 87. *From Surgeon-Major W. R. CORNISH, F.R.C.S., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 26th February 1878, No. 202.*

I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that the Sanitary grant made by the Chedambaram Municipality for the year 1878-79 is ample. It amounts to 43·3 per cent. of income. The allotment for Vaccination, on the other hand, is not in accordance with the new rules. It is proposed to employ a second-class vaccinator only on Rupees 10 per mensem, and no provision is made for cost of supervision.

No. 88. ORDER THEREON, 8th March 1878, No. 462.

The estimated receipts and expenditure of the Chellambaram Municipality for the year 1878-79 are contrasted with the figures of the Budget Estimate for the current year in the following abstract:—

RECEIPTS.

	Estimate, 1877-78.	Estimate, 1878-79.
	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward	2,036	6,688
Rates on Houses and Lands	5,200	7,600
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals	600	600
Registration of Carts	400	400
Tolls	4,000	[illegible]
Licenses	200	350
Assignments by Government	[illegible]	225
Contribution from Local Funds	1,500	3,500
Fines and Fees	150	150
Endowments	225	225
Miscellaneous	475	610
Total ..	15,086	23,348

CHARGES.

	Estimate, 1877-78.	Estimate, 1878-79.
GRANT I.	RS.	RS.
New Works—		
Communications	1,000	4,500
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	100	175
Establishment	240	684
Tools and Plant	90	20
GRANT II.		
Municipal Schools	..	180
Salary Grants	60	..
Results Grants	790	800
Inspection (Contribution)	150	150
GRANT III.		
Hospitals and Dispensaries	2,680	2,858
Vaccination	144	150
Registration of Births and Deaths	156	144
Conservancy	5,720	5,037
GRANT IV.		
Lighting	840	500
Markets	30	..
Avenues and Watering Roads	..	130
Miscellaneous	50	20
GRANT V.		
Supervision and Management	1,488	1,204
Refunds	20	1,500
Balances	140	300
Total ..	15,086	23,348

2. It is observed that the actual balance carried forward in the Regular Estimate does not tally with the closing balance of the year 1876-77 as given in the report for that year. If this is due to the subsequent audit of the accounts the fact should have been stated. It is further observed that the accounts for 1877-78, contrary to instruc-

tions [illegible] subject, include deposits by toll collectors and others. If the deposits be deducted the balance brought forward would stand at Rupees 1,500 less. Other items, it seems, should also be excluded from the sum of Rupees 6,688 brought forward in 1878-79. It is manifest, however, from paragraph 2 of the President's letter that first principles laid down for the calculation of balances have not been properly comprehended. His diligent attention to the Orders of Government on the subject is enjoined. If the deposits are excluded the total receipts stand at Rupees 21,848 The corresponding item under Expenditure—Refunds—should also be excluded.

3. The probable decrease in the receipts from Tolls is explained. The [illegible] receipts from Sales of Medicines, Rupees 5, is noted. The payment by public offi for medicines supplied to them is under consideration.

4. With regard to the increased contribution to the Chedambaram Dispensary from Local Funds, it is observed that sanction for the building proposed has not yet been granted, and no outlay should be made until the approval of Government is obtained.

5. With regard to the Sale of Lands referred to by the President, the Government are at a loss to understand under what sanction the Commissioners propose to alienate lands which are lanes and thoroughfares, apparently public. If this is the case, the sanction of Government is required under Section 13, Act III of 1871.

6. The expenditure on Roads is liberal and is approved. The charge for road coolies should not be shown under Establishment but under Repairs, Roads. The allotment for Education is low, in fact less than the outlay for the current year according to the Regular Estimate. The allotment for Vaccination should be raised in accordance with the remarks of the Sanitary Commissioner.

7. The other items do not call for remark. The Budget is accordingly passed subject to the provision of Rupees 216. contribution to the Medical College

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