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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

8th March 1878, No. 466.

Municipal—Budgets.

Read the following papers:—

No. 96. *From A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Ootacamund, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 10th January 1878, No. 3.*

I have the honor to forward the Budget Estimate of the Ootacamund Municipality for the official year 1878-79, together with an extract from Proceedings of the Commissioners thereon, dated 8th December 1877.

2. RECEIPTS are estimated at Rupees 39,500 against the Regular Estimate of Rupees 29,060, and show an increase of Rupees 10,400.

(a.) *Rates and Taxes.*—The Commissioners are of opinion that the ordinary rate of the current year is utterly inadequate, and they have been compelled, therefore, to apply to Government for a special grant for the current year, and to propose the enhancement of the House and Land Rate from 6 per cent. to the full rate allowed, viz., 7½ per cent. This enhancement will not suffice, and they have, therefore, provided for the imposition of the Tax on Arts (with the exception of the two lowest classes), which they trust Government will, under the exceptional circumstances viz., Rupees 3,860 under the House and Land Rate and Rupees 4,500 from the Tax on Arts.

(b.) The Commissioners expect, and have estimated for, an increase under the following items:—

Tax on Vehicles	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	RS.
Licenses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	90
Fines and Fees	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35
Rents	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	190
Payment for Municipal Services	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,090
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The increase under Fees and Rents is due to the actuals of the current year only, including ten months' kists of the market and cart-stand rents, the other two months' kists having been paid in advance as deposit and credited in the accounts for March 1877. There is an estimated decrease of Rupees 420 under "Miscellaneous," the receipts of the current year having been abnormally increased by the sale of a piece of land.

(c.) The opening balance is estimated at Rupees 1,500 against the actuals of the current year (Rupees 650), as the latter sum was found to be quite inadequate to meet the expenses of the establishment in the earlier months of the year. The Commissioners have estimated for Rs. 1,500 in the hopes that Government will sanction the special grant applied for in my letter, No. 2, of this date. If, however, the grant is not sanctioned, there will be no opening balance at all, but a considerable minus balance.

3. The following statement shows the increase or decrease of the estimated income under each major head as compared with the Regular Estimate of the current year:—

	+ RS.	— RS.
1. Taxes	8,485	10
3. Special Funds	190	..
5. Fines and Fees	1,090	..
7. Rents	485	..
8. Payment for Licenses	..	420
10. Miscellaneous	..	230
12. Advances Recoverable	..	..
13. Balance	850	..

Total .. 11,100 — 660 = + 10,440

4. EXPENDITURE.—The expenditure is estimated at Rupees 37,500 with a closing balance of Rupees 2,000, or Rupees 39,500 against the Regular Estimate of expenditure in the current year of Rupees 33,800 and a closing balance of Rupees 1,500.

GRANT I.—The expenditure under this grant is estimated at Rupees 12,500 against the Regular Estimate of Rupees 10,550. The Regular Estimate, it is to be observed, includes payments for work done in previous years, while owing to want of funds the allotments for drainage and water-supply could not be made use of.

New Works.—Rupees 4,500 are provided for new works. Of this sum an allotment of Rupees 500 is proposed for two small bridges, one on the Woodhouse Road and the other on the Alta Bridlepath, and Rupees 2,000 for new latrines, which are much required. Rupees 2,000 are allotted for the closing of old and provision of new burial-grounds, a matter which will be taken in hand as soon as the orders of Government are passed on the special sanitary report.

Repairs.—Rupees 8,000 are allotted, of which Rupees 3,500 are provided for repairs to roads against the Regular Estimate of Rupees 4,500 and a budget allotment of Rupees 3,000. The sum provided is not more than sufficient to keep the roads in decent order. The Regular Estimate of Rupees 4,500 includes a sum of Rupees 1,000 which was to be paid in the current year to the Public Works Department for repairs to roads executed last year.

(a.) Rupees 2,000 are allotted for repairs to buildings against the Regular Estimate of Rupees 300. Of this sum Rupees 2,000 are for the thorough repair of the slaughter-houses now in bad order and Rupees 600 for petty repairs to latrines, markets, &c.

(b.) An allotment of Rupees 500 has been provided for the repair of the water-supply channels, to which little has been done for some time past.

(c.) Rupees 400 provided for establishment (Public Works) represents the wages of men employed monthly, wages for the repair of carts, buildings, and such miscellaneous purposes.

(d.) Tools and Plant.—Rupees 1,000 are provided for the purchase of four pairs of bullocks and for making a couple of new iron carts and a new bullock cart.

GRANT II.—The estimate amounts to Rupees 1,550 against the Regular Estimate of Rupees 1,470, the slight increase being due to anticipated larger result grants.

With reference to the allotment for inspection, the Commissioners propose to discontinue their contribution to Local Funds of Rupees 360 per annum towards the pay of an Inspecting Schoolmaster, and in lieu thereof to appoint an Inspector for their Municipal Schools. Most of the schools in the district are situated in Municipalities, and the Commissioners consider that the entertainment of a special Inspector for Ootacamund will be the best arrangement. This matter will, however, have to form the subject of arrangement between the Municipality and Local Fund Board. Meanwhile the allotment is proposed.

GRANT III.—The estimate under this head is Rupees 15,950 against the Regular Estimate of the current year of Rupees 13,880 and budget grant of Rupees 11,200. There is an increase as compared with the Regular Estimate under "Vaccination" and "Conservancy Establishments," and a decrease under "Sanitary Service."

(a.) Vaccination.—The increase under this item is Rupees 250, of which Rupees 168 is under establishment and Rupees 82 under contingencies. The Commissioners propose to permanently entertain an additional Vaccinator, and to give a bonus of 2 Annas per case on each successful case over 100 vaccinated by each Vaccinator per month. The Commissioners were obliged to entertain an extra Vaccinator temporarily during the prevalence of small-pox in the current year, and they think that this increase in the establishment should be permanent.

(b.) Conservancy.—The increase is confined to establishment, and amounts to Rupees 2,296. The allotment is not more than is required to bring the establishment up to the requirements of the place. The establishment provided for is only what has been maintained for several months in the current year, notwithstanding financial troubles, as the usual establishment was found to be quite insufficient for the work. This increase will, however, be compensated for somewhat in the decreased allotment for sanitary service (i.e., cost of bullocks and carts) owing to the anticipated fall in the price of gram. The allotment for sanitary service is, however, in excess of the budget grant for the current year, which sum, however, was found to be quite inadequate and had to be exceeded considerably.

(c.) The water-supply establishment has been included under this Grant instead of under Grant IV, so the increase is merely nominal.

GRANT IV.—The estimate is Rupees 2,250 against the Regular Estimate of the current year of Rupees 2,690 and budget grant of Rupees 2,770. The decrease is caused by the omission of any allotment for the purchase of land. As compared with the Regular Estimate an increased allotment has been provided for the manufacture of poudrette, as owing to the improvement in the state of the season more money may be expended by planters on manure. The Commissioners have to manufacture poudrette in advance of the demand, and therefore a corresponding increase in receipts from this source has not been estimated for. The proposed allotment is only, however, 10 Rupees in excess of the budget grant for the current year.

GRANT V.—The estimate under this grant is Rupees 3,300 against a budget grant for the current year of Rupees 3,000 and the Regular Estimate of Rupees 3,500.

Under office establishment an increase of Rupees 200 is proposed to provide for an increase to the pay of the Manager and one Clerk of Rupees 10 and Rupees 5, respectively. There will be a large increase of work and responsibility with reference to the collection of the Profession-tax, and the Commissioners consider, therefore, that their Manager's pay should be increased from Rupees 100 to Rupees 110. They do not think Rupees 15 per mensem a sufficient pay for the Clerk, and propose therefore to increase it to Rupees 20 per mensem. They also consider it necessary to increase the pay of the two peons from Rupees 8 each to Rupees 10 each per mensem.

ENCLOSURE No. I.

PROCEEDINGS of a Special Meeting of the Ootacamund Municipal Commissioners held on the 8th December 1877.

Present:

A. McC. Webster, Esq., President.
W. E. Schmidt, Esq., Vice-President.
Major J. L. L. Morant, R.E.
L. F. Chapman, Esq.
H. T. Knox, Esq., Honorary Secretary.

Read Honorary Secretary's report on the Regular Estimate for 1877-78 and a Draft Budget for 1878-79.

RECEIPTS.

	Estimate, 1877-78. RS.	Estimate, 1878-79. RS.
Balance brought forward	939	1,500
Rates on Houses and Lands	14,750	18,500
Taxes on Arts	..	4,500
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals	3,100	3,200
Registration of Carts	400	450
Licenses	..	100
Assignments by Government	100	100
Fines and Fees	1,650	1,900
Miscellaneous	10,200	9,250
Total	31,139	39,500

CHARGES.

	Estimate, 1877-78. RS.	Estimate, 1878-79. RS.
GRANT I—		
New Works—		
Communications	1,250	500
Buildings	300	2,000
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	5,200	2,000
Repairs—		
Communications	3,000	3,500
Buildings	..	2,600
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	1,000	500
Establishment	..	100
Tools and Plant	..	1,000
GRANT II—		
Salary Grants	960	960
Results do.	190	230
Inspection (Contribution)	350	360
GRANT III—		
Hospitals and Dispensaries	500	500
Vaccination	250	500
Registration of Births and Deaths	150	150
Conveyance	9,500	14,800
GRANT IV—		
Lighting	1,800	1,700
Choultries	40	..
Miscellaneous	1,880	550
GRANT V—		
Supervision and Management	3,000	3,500
Repayment of Debt	948	950
Refunds	600	1,000
Balances	221	2,000
Total	31,139	39,500

2. The proposals made for the enhancement of the House-rate from 6 to 7½ per cent. and for the imposition of the Trades-tax on all but the last two classes having been sanctioned separately,* as also a special grant of Rupees 6,500 to meet excess expenditure during the current year, the Budget Estimates for 1878-79, which have been carefully prepared and fully explained by the President, call for no remark, and are passed as submitted, subject only to the payment of 200 Rupees towards the Medical College as per G.O., dated 25th January 1878, No. 147.

* G.O., 12th February 1878, No. 264.

3. The increases to the pay of certain servants on the establishment recommended by the President in the last paragraph of his letter are sanctioned.

4. The Government note with satisfaction that it has been found practicable to raise the allotments under Public Works and Sanitation to 32 and 40 per cent., respectively, of the available assets.

(True Extract.)

Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Ootacamund.
 " 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, Ootacamund.

Ed. A. F. Goodall.

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No 1192
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FINANCIAL.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION

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Drawn March 8

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