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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

11th March 1878, No. 474.

Municipal—Budgets.

Read the following paper:—

No. 103. From H. St. A. GOODRICH, Esq., Acting Collector and President, Municipal Commission, Vizagapatam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Vizagapatam, 2nd February 1878, No. 115.

I have the honor to forward, herewith, for the sanction of Government, the Budget Estimate for 1878-79 and the Regular Estimate for 1877-78 prepared in accordance with the instructions contained in G.O., dated 25th April 1877, No. 1347, of the Vizianagram Municipality.

2. OPENING BALANCE.—According to the sanctioned estimate for the current opening balance for 1878-79 is Rupees 92, but according to the Regular Estimate for 1877-78 is Rupees 92. The Vice-President explains that the charges of the months of the next year can be met from the toll deposit fund and from the collections of the first instalments of licenses, &c.

3. RECEIPTS.—The receipts for 1878-79 are estimated at Rupees 12,133 against Rupees 14,104 of the current year. The decrease is in the item of tolls. The Municipality hitherto appropriated the whole collections from tolls to themselves on the condition of constructing a loop line for through traffic, but the Commissioners have now abandoned the construction of the loop line and agreed to pay Rupees 2,000 to the Local Fund Board annually. The views of the Municipality on the subject are fully detailed in the letter to the Board of Revenue whereof copy is enclosed. The variations under the other items are trifling and are explained in the Vice-President's letter.

4. CHARGES, GRANT I.—The charges under this head are estimated at Rupees 5,185 against Rupees 6,360 of the current year. The decrease in receipts has necessitated their reduction in the provision.

5. GRANT II.—The charge for education has been estimated at Rupees 843 or Rupees 85 less than that of the current year. The decrease is owing to the introduction of the revised rules for the payment of results grants sanctioned in G.O., dated 9th May 1877, No. 196.

6. GRANTS III AND IV.—Under these grants Rupees 4,199 and Rupees 610 respectively are provided for the next year against Rupees 4,387 and Rupees 487 of the current year. The decrease in the former grant is owing to no provision having been made for the next year for the grant of famine allowance to the conservancy establishment, and the increase in the latter grant is owing to provision having been made for lighting the town till a later hour than in the current year.

7. The charges under Grant V are estimated at Rupees 1,322, or 588 less than those of the current year. The decrease is owing to a further reduction effected in the office establishment since last year.

No. 104.

ORDER THEREON, 11th March 1878, No. 474.

The estimated receipts and expenditure of the Vizianagram Municipality for the year 1878-79 are contrasted with the figures for the current year in the following statement:—

RECEIPTS.		Estimate, 1877-78.	Estimate, 1878-79.
		RS.	RS.
Rates on Houses and Lands	.. .. .	1,400	2,300
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals	.. .. .	2,900	3,050
Registration of Carts	.. .. .	500	500
Tolls	.. .. .	8,050	6,100
Licenses	.. .. .	5	..
Assignments by Government	.. .. .	20	20
Contribution from Local Funds	.. .. .	18	18
Fines and Fees	.. .. .	10	15
Miscellaneous	.. .. .	110	130
Advances Recoverable	.. .. .	92	..
Balance brought forward	.. .. .	..	29
Total	.. .. .	13,105	12,162

CHARGES.		Estimate, 1877-78.	Estimate, 1878-79.
		RS.	RS.
GRANT I—			
New Works			
Communications	.. .. .	1,213	..
Buildings	.. .. .	..	620
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	.. .. .	944	90
Establishment	.. .. .	90	50
Tools and Plant	.. .. .	50	..
GRANT II—			
Results Grants	.. .. .	1,000	750
Inspection (Contribution)	.. .. .	93	93
GRANT III—			
Hospitals and Dispensaries	.. .. .	..	36
Vaccination	.. .. .	180	200
Registration of Births and Deaths	.. .. .	180	240
Conservancy	.. .. .	3,709	3,723
GRANT IV—			
Lighting	.. .. .	500	500
Miscellaneous	.. .. .	60	110
GRANT V—			
Supervision and Management	.. .. .	1,544	1,322
Balances	.. .. .	92	3
Total	.. .. .	13,105	12,162

2. The receipts are estimated at Rupees 12,162, including balance, against Rupees 13,105 in the current year. There is a decrease of Rupees 1,950 under Tolls, which is partly counterbalanced by an increase of Rupees 900 under House tax. The latter is due to the revision of the list and to increase of the rate to 4 per cent., the former to the abandonment by the Municipal Commissioners of the proposal to construct a loop line for through traffic, and the payment of a contribution to the Local Fund

Board instead. The results of the revision of the house register and the raising of the rate are satisfactory. As regards the Tolls the item may stand pending the decision of Government on the Local Fund Board's proposals.

3. The Commissioners propose to expend almost the whole of their income in the year leaving only a nominal working balance. This arrangement is open to objection, and should be revised as it may necessitate the drawing on deposit funds for the charges in the first two months of the following year.

4. The increased allotment for road repairs is approved. The slight falling off in the grant for education is satisfactorily explained. The charges under Grant III, Medical, should be increased by the transfer from Grant IV of Rupees 110, the allotments for educating and training medical pupils; also by provision being made thereunder for the contribution to the Medical College under G.O., 25th January 1878, No. 147, amounting to Rupees 60. The reduced expenditure under establishment is approved. The other items do not call for remark.

5. Subject to the above observations the Budget is passed.

(True Extract.)

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To the Members of the Municipal Commission, Vizianagram.
 " Board of Revenue.
 " Revenue Department.
 " Public Works Department.
 " Accountant-General.
 " Sanitary Commissioner.
 " Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
 " Director of Public Instruction.
 " President of the Local Fund Boards, Vizagapatam District.

Exd. A. Howarth.

18 March

Goodnight

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