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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

17th May 1878, No. 877.

Municipal—Budget.

Read the following paper:—

No. 118. *From H. SEWELL, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Trichinopoly, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 4th May* 1878, *No.* 3.

I have the honor to reply to G.O., No. 394, dated the 1st March 1878, Financial Department.

2. It is true the Municipality closed with a deficit of Rupees 611 as explained in paragraph 29 of the report for the year 1876-77, and the requisite adjustments would have been made immediately after the submission by the Auditor in July 1877 of his report on the examination of the accounts, had it not been for the desire of the Commissioners to await the orders of Government on the annual report. This was received in December 1877 (*vide* G.O., No. 2745, dated 22nd November 1877), and the necessary adjustments have since been made, but as the Regular Estimate sent with the Budget was for only seven months of 1877-78, no opening balance could be shown as has been explained therein. Full information will be given when sending up the report for the year that has just come to a close.

3. Adverting to paragraph 3 of the Government Order, I should state that, although the Commissioners were aware of the fact of Rupees 27,000 being entered in the Local Fund Budget under the head of "Tolls," still Rupees 13,000 only were entered in the Municipal Budget to be on the safe side as explained in the covering letter, because it was anticipated that on account of the prevailing scarcity and other circumstances, tolls, when actually farmed out by the Local Fund Board, will not fetch more than Rupees 26,000.

4. The contribution by the Local Fund Board towards the Hospital buildings was originally sanctioned in G.O., No. 1822, dated the 15th December 1873, and ever since that date the Commissioners have been constructing additional buildings in connection with the hospital out of their own funds in the first instance and then recovered one-fourth of the cost from the Local Fund Board. This they have done on four occasions, viz., 15th December 1873, 7th March 1874, 14th April 1875, and 2nd February 1877. The same course was proposed to be adopted this time also and the amount of the contribution entered in the Budget.

5. The Fort moat and walls were originally handed over to the Commissioners by G.O., No. 1033, dated 21st August 1867, Public Department; and as the vacant frontages referred to in paragraph 5 of the Government Order under advertence form part of the land obtained by the reclamation of the moat, and as they cannot be turned to any other account, the Commissioners have proposed to sell it outright to the owners of houses adjoining which the several parcels of land lie.

6. The cost of killing dogs and catching monkeys was, on the introduction of the new forms (G.O., No. 1347, dated 25th April 1877), shown under Grant III when sending up the report for 1876-77, and as the Government passed it accordingly, the items were again shown under the same Grant. Hereafter they will be entered under Grant IV.

No. 119. ORDER THEREON, 17th May 1878, No. 877.

The explanation afforded in paragraph 2 is noted; also that given in paragraph 3.

2. The procedure followed hitherto in regard to contributions from Local Funds towards the Hospital buildings is manifestly irregular and should be abandoned in future.

3. The Government cannot consent to the sale of any portion of the moat reclamation unless the alienations proposed will in no way interfere with the intention of Government when handing over the land to the Commissioners, viz., of converting the reclaimed area into a boulevard. The President will submit a plan of the sites concerned, after consulting the Military authorities on the effect such alienations may have on facilitating approach to the rock.

(True Extract.)

S/J D.F. Cumichael

Chief Secretary.

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To the President of the Municipal Commission, Trichinopoly.
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„ Board of Revenue.
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