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Municipal—Budget.

Read the following paper :—

No. 13. *From W. LOGAN, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Malabar, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Calicut, 21st January 1879, No. 41.*

I have the honor to submit herewith, for the sanction of Government, the Budget Estimates of receipts and charges of the Palghat Municipality for the ensuing official year 1879-80, together with the regular estimates prepared for the current year. The report of the Vice-President, also submitted herewith, explains all the entries in the Budget which may call for explanation.

2. *Receipts.*—The total amount as per sanctioned estimate for the current year is Rupees 23,421, but the amount ascertained by regular estimate for that year is Rupees 27,735. The cause of this increase is the inclusion of a sum of Rupees 2,824 under the License Tax Act introduced in the latter part of 1878-79. It is also due to the occurrence of a larger balance at the end of 1877-78 than what was expected.

3. The assets for the ensuing year is estimated to be Rupees 18,714. Inclusive of Rupees 3,836 the balance expected to remain at the end of the current year and Rupees 2,824 the income under the License Tax Act, the total amount will be Rupees 25,374.

4. On reference to the amount of receipts for the current year as ascertained by the regular estimate it will be seen that the amount estimated for the ensuing year shows a decrease. This is attributable, independently of the difference in the opening balances of the two years, to the unexpectedly large amount of receipts under the sale proceeds of avenues in the current year.

5. *Charges.*—The items of charges, which are not in the nature of ordinary ones, are only the purchase of a compound for play ground for school boys and the contribution on account of Police charges.

6. The purchase of the ground near the Municipal School-house is considered most necessary by the Inspector of Schools; and it was on his recommendation that it was proposed to purchase the site in question.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From E. J. SEWELL, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Palghat, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Malabar, dated 15th January 1879, No. 10.

I have the honor to forward the Budget of the Palghat Municipality for the official year 1879-80, together with the prescribed statements.

2. The estimated receipts of the year (excluding balances and License tax) are Rupees 18,714. They are less than the regular estimate of the current year by Rupees 700. This is due to receipts this year of a considerable sum for the sale of avenues, old materials, &c., which is not expected to recur.

3. This sum it is proposed to raise to Rupees 22,550 by an opening balance of Rupees 3,836, which sum the careful consideration of the regular estimate leads the Commissioners to

Actuals of 1877-78	Rs.
Regular Estimate, 1878-79	18,768
	19,430

expect will remain unexpended in March 1879. It would not be difficult to spend it before that date, but a balance of that amount is required to meet the expenditure of 1879-80.

4. The receipts expected differ very slightly from those in the last estimate, in its final shape, and the trifling differences have been explained in the remark column.

5. The Commissioners propose to expend Rupees 20,017 of the above sum, leaving a closing balance of Rupees 2,533 to form the opening balance of 1880-81. Of this, Rupees 20,017, 10 per cent., is allotted for the expenses of collection and management; 10 per cent. for lighting and Police; 30 per cent. for the expenses of the hospital, conservancy, and sanitation; 15 per cent. for education; and 35 per cent. for Public Works.

6. The new works proposed are an allotment of Rupees 525 towards the extension of the Municipal School, on which Rupees 525 is to be spent in the current year, and Rupees 500 for renewing and extending the street drains.

7. The Commissioners have resolved to carry Rupees 1,000 to a fund for the purpose of buying land round the Municipal School to make a play ground for the boys. Land can only be obtained by purchase near the present site and that site is so convenient that it is thought better to go to considerable expense in fitting it for a school than to abandon it for any other.

8. The sum proposed for the up-keep of the roads is only Rs. 3,750 as against Rs. 5,700 in the regular estimate. But Rupees 1,000 of the latter is to be spent in the last months of the current year in storing metal by the sides of the road which will not be used till the monsoon months of next year, so that the expenditure of the two years is nearly the same.

9. The Rupees 400 under 2 a, is to be spent in the usual monsoon repairs of the school, market, hospital, cart-stands, and other Municipal buildings. The other entries require no explanation.

10. The only change in the Educational Department is that it is intended to give fixed salaries of 4 Rupees a month (in addition to the result grant to be earned on the examination of the school) to all teachers who hold a certificate that they have been trained in the Normal School established at Palghat. Funds have been provided for this purpose as also for the increased grant which it is expected that the training of these teachers will enable them to earn.

11. Under Grant III, 2 a, provision has been made for the salary of a 1st-class Vaccinator in addition to the 2nd-class Vaccinator now working.

12. A slight increase of Rupees 2-8-0 per mensem has been allowed as noted to some menial servants of the hospital under 1 a, Grant III. In the Traveller's Bungalow establishment an increase of Rupees 3 with some changes of as marginally noted. In like manner a slight increase of Rupees 5 to the pay of office Head Clerk has been entered on account of his good work and long service, and having respect to the fact that he has had no increase of pay for nearly eight years although his work has considerably increased in that time. A Rupee has also been added to the pay of the Masalchi, who received only Rupees 5 before. In conclusion, I beg to add that all these changes were made with the full approval of the Municipal Commissioners after protracted discussion.

13. Under Grant IV, Rupees 1,423 has been allotted under the provisions of Act VII of 1873, towards the pay of the Police employed in the town. The cost of the Police, as stated by the Superintendent, is Rupees 2,500. The Act directs that a part, not exceeding three-fourths of this cost, should be borne by the Commissioners. Palghat though it contains a population of 30,943 people is not so much one town as a collection of villages separated from one another by fields and cultivation. As a consequence the Police force is larger than would be required for a compact town of the same population. Further, this Police force is that employed for the amshoms of Kanulpad, Agathathara, and Koduntarapalli outside Municipal limits, as well as Wadacantara, Koppom, Yakara and Puttur within those limits. The Commissioners trust that in view of these facts one-half of the cost of Police will be recognised as a fair contribution and that amount they have accordingly entered.

14. The small sum under the head of Subscriptions, is the remainder of a sum of money raised for the dispensary which has not yet been expended. It was Rupees 272 at the beginning of the year and is raised by interest to Rupees 283 at the end of it.

15. No provision has been made for the payment to the Department of Public Works for supervision of the construction of the Hospital. The Local Fund Board owes the Municipality

Grant I	..	..	..	..	..	Rs. 6,999
" II	..	..	..	..	..	2,038
" III	..	..	..	..	..	6,103
" IV	..	..	..	..	..	2,027
" V	..	..	..	..	..	1,850
Total	..	..	..	..	..	20,017

Ward Cooly	..	..	Rupees 6 to 7
Waterman	..	..	4 to 5
Washerman	..	..	2 to 2½
Cook	..	..	Rupees 4½ to 6
Maid	..	..	4 to 5
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half the cost of the hospital and the Commissioners are unable to meet this demand until the Local Fund Board pays its promised contribution.

No. 14.

ORDER THEREON, 6th February 1879, No. 197.

In the following abstract the estimated receipts and expenditure of the Palghat Municipality for 1879-80 are contrasted with the figures of the sanctioned and regular estimates of the current year:—

RECEIPTS.	Estimate, 1878-79.	Regular Estimate.	Estimate, 1879-80.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward	4,300	5,478	3,836
Rates on Houses and Lands	6,400	6,358	6,300
Tolls	6,350	6,515	6,450
Licenses	350	955	950
License Tax	..	2,824	2,824
Assignments by Government	1,558	258	253
Contribution from Local Funds	1,843	2,146	1,933
Fines and Fees	200	204	200
Endowments	350	468	693
Miscellaneous	1,370	2,516	1,930
Advances recoverable	..	13	..
Total	23,421	27,735	25,374

CHARGES.	Estimate, 1878-79.	Regular Estimate.	Estimate, 1879-80.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
GRANT I.			
New Works—			
Communications	600	400	..
Buildings	2,600	600	525
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	600	1,395	500
Repairs—			
Communications	3,690	5,713	3,750
Buildings	450	632	400
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	..	158	100
Establishment	1,068	535	534
Tools and Plant	150	301	100
GRANT II.			
Salary Grants	192	255	480
Results Grants	685	685	800
Schools on the combined system	1,863	1,493	1,468
Inspection (Contribution)	216	203	230
GRANT III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries	3,306	3,260	2,076
Vaccination	282	120	300
Registration of Births and Deaths	269	264	270
Conservancy	2,441	2,435	2,437
GRANT IV.			
Lighting	548	296	348
Maintenance of Police	..	2,542	2,542
License Tax	..	222	186
Traveller's Bungalow	200	200	..
Avenues and Watering Roads	100	..	100
Miscellaneous	..	..	..
GRANT V.			
Supervision and Management	1,843	2,185	2,182
Balances	2,408	3,836	3,533
Total	23,421	27,735	25,374

2. The large increase in the receipts as per regular estimate is mainly due to the opening balance having been greater than was expected when the Budget was framed, and to large receipts from avenue clippings. The year 1879-80 is expected to open with a balance of Rupees 3,836, and to close with a balance of Rupees 2,533. The balance is still large, and it must be enhanced by Rupees 1,000, which the Commissioners propose to contribute to a fund for the purchase of a certain piece of land for school purposes. This sum is now entered under Buildings, Grant I Statement II (though erroneously omitted in Statement II-A, which should correspond with it), but as it is clear that the money is not to be expended during the year, this procedure is incorrect. It will accordingly be transferred to balance, pending further explanation. The Commissioners do not state the value of the land, or the proposed terms of the purchase. Considering the large sum estimated as balance, it might be desirable to complete a transaction, which appears to merit approval, in the coming year.

3. The expenditure proposed is generally approved, though if the purchase of land above referred to is not effected, a supplemental estimate should be submitted to Government providing expenditure, with reference to paragraph 3, G.O., 17th July 1878, No. 1249, for reduction of the large balance.

4. The attention of the President of the Local Fund Board, Calicut, will be called to the Vice-President's remark regarding the failure of that Board to pay their contribution towards the cost of the Dispensary, and he will be requested to explain.

5. It is noted the Budget estimates for 1878-79 as entered in the last column of the regular estimate shows the balance at the close as Rupees 2,398 whilst it should be Rupees 2,408 to obtain the total given.

6. Subject to these remarks the Budget is passed. The exact amount of the contribution to the Medical College will be advised later by the Accountant-General.

(True Extract.)

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" Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Accountant-General.
" President of the Local Fund Boards, Malabar.

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