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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

15th February 1879, No. 287.

Municipal—Budgets.

Read the following papers:—

No. 132. *From A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Coimbatore, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated 10th January 1879, No. 16.*

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 25th April 1877, No. 1347, I have the honor to forward the Budget Estimate of the Coimbatore Municipality for the next official year 1879-80, together with the Regular Estimate for 1878-79.

RECEIPTS.

2. The estimated receipts, exclusive of the License Tax under Act III of 1878, amount to Rupees 31,285, showing an increase of Rupees 3,285 above the Budget of 1878-79. This increase is the result of a gross increase of Rupees 3,850 under three items, and a gross decrease of Rupees 565 under four as will be explained below.

3. *House and Land Tax.*—Increase Rupees 170. This is due to an increase in the number of new houses constructed and charged with tax.

4. *Tolls.*—Increase Rupees 3,000. With a view to meet the payment of 50 per cent. of the annual cost of the Police employed in the Municipal Town of Coimbatore, as ordered in G.O., dated 11th December 1878, No. 2195, the Commissioners have decided to raise the rate of Tolls from half to full schedule rates. The only other source of taxation available is the Tax on Arts, Professions, Trades, and Callings, and the imposition of this tax in addition to the recent License Tax on Trades, Dealings and Industry under Act III of 1878 will, the Commissioners think, be most unpopular. An increase of the Tax on Arts, &c., seems therefore unadvisable, and provision is made in the Budget for 1879-80 for an increase of Rupees 3,000 under the head of Tolls.

5. *Endowments.*—Increase Rupees 680. This increase is owing to provision being made for interest to be recovered from the Municipality, as ordered in paragraph 3 of the G.O., dated 16th July 1878, No. 1243, on the sum of Rupees 11,312 lent to it from the endowments of the Coimbatore Civil Dispensary. No interest was paid last year, which accounts for the increase under this particular head.

6. *Licenses under Sections* 106, 123, 125, 130, 131, *and* 136 *of Act III of* 1871.—Decrease Rupees 75.

Assignments by Government—Surplus Pound Fund.—Decrease Rupees 40.

Miscellaneous.—Decrease Rupees 50.

The decrease under these heads is small and does not call for explanation.

7. *Advances Recoverable.*—Decrease Rupees 400. As already reported in my letter of 31st August 1878, No. 12, there seems but little probability of recovering any considerable portion of the 2,000 Rupees advanced for building houses in Wedderburn's Pettah. Steps are however being taken to institute law suits against the defaulters, and a small amount of Rupees 300 is provided under this head. Hence the decrease.

8. As compared with the Regular Estimate for the current official year the Budget receipts for 1879-80 show a net increase of Rupees 1,256. The gross increase of Rupees 2,919 arises chiefly under the head of Tolls, which, as already stated, the Commissioners have resolved to raise from half to full schedule rates. The gross decrease of Rupees 1,683 occurs chiefly under the heads of House and Land Tax and Endowments, owing to a large amount of arrears having been collected in 1878-79, which will not be the case in 1879-80.

EXPENDITURE.

9. The Budget expenditure for 1879-80, as compared with the Budget of 1878-79, shows a net increase of Rupees 3,285, which is chiefly due, 1st, to provision being made for payment of 50 per cent. of the probable cost of the Police Establishment for the Municipality, as ordered in G.O., dated 11th December 1878, No. 2195; 2ndly, to increased provision for conservancy purposes; and 3rdly, to provision being made for payment of interest on the sum of Rupees 11,312, borrowed by the Municipality from the Hospital Endowments.

10. The Regular Estimate has been framed with reference to the transactions of the past seven months, and to present circumstances. A comparison of the coming year's Budget with this year's Regular Estimate shows a gross increase of Rupees 5,171, and a gross decrease of Rupees 5,452, as will be explained below.

11. GRANT I—*New Works.*—The increase of Rupees 100 under the head of Buildings is owing to the necessity of constructing additional public latrines which, though entered in the Budget for the current year, have been postponed for want of funds.

12. The probable expenditure in 1879-80 on account of Sanitary and Miscellaneous will not be so large as in this year, and hence the decrease of Rupees 239.

13. *Repairs—Communications.*—Increase Rupees 460. The provision of Rupees 2,460, made under this head in the Budget for 1879-80, includes the pay of the permanent road coolies as ordered in paragraph 3 of the G.O., dated 27th February 1878, No. 355, whereas in the Regular Estimate it is included under Establishment as in the sanctioned Budget for the current year. Hence the increase.

14. *Buildings.*—Increase Rupees 100. A reduction having been made in the Budget for 1878-79 for want of funds, provision is made for such necessary repairs as may have to be executed in the next year. This accounts for the increase.

15. *Sanitary and Miscellaneous.*—Increase Rupees 13. This variation is small, and does not call for explanation.

16. *Establishment.*—Decrease Rupees 417. As already stated the pay of the permanent road coolies is now included in repairs of roads, whereas in the Regular Estimate it is included under the head of Establishment. This accounts for the decrease.

17. *One-third Toll Contributions to Local Funds.*—Decrease Rupees 2,947. The one-third contribution of the Toll collections made in 1877-78 was not paid to the Local Fund Board in that year as it should have been, but was appropriated to the payment of a similar contribution in arrears for the preceding year. It had to be paid this year, though no provision was made in the sanctioned Budget. This will not occur again as payments are now made monthly. Hence the decrease.

18. GRANT II—*Education Results Grants.*—Increase Rs. 300. Full provision is made in the coming year's Budget, whereas the Regular Estimate embraces a reduced allotment with reference to the past and probable demands for results grants. This accounts for the increase.

19. GRANT III—*Hospitals and Dispensaries.*—Decrease Rupees 201. During the famine of 1877-78 a large quantity of medicines, &c., had to be purchased for the increased number of patients, and payment for the same was made in 1878-79, which led to an increase over the Budget allotment, as shown in the Regular Estimate. Owing to the improved circumstances of the season the probable expenditure in

1879-80 is estimated with reference to the actual expenditure in 1875-76, which was an ordinary year. Hence the decrease.

20. *Conservancy.*—Increase Rupees 134. Is owing to an increase in the number of conservancy servants with reference to the requirements of the town in a sanitary point of view.

21. GRANT IV—*Markets and Gardens.*—Decrease Rupees 457. In 1878-79 additional servants had to be employed for some time for the purpose of draining and raising the reclaimed portion of the Periyary and Valancolum tanks, which has been converted into Municipal gardens. Such will not be the case in the next year. Hence the decrease.

22. *Lungarkhana.*—Decrease Rupees 1,148. Owing to high prices of grain in 1877-78 the cost of feeding paupers exceeded the Budget allotment for that year, and a portion of the amount of the Contractor's Bills was left in arrears and had to be paid in 1878-79. Such will not be the case in the ensuing year. Hence the decrease.

23. *Repayment of Debt.*—Increase Rupees 220. The sum of Rs. 620 provided under this head includes the sum of Rupees 400 on account of the usual two half-yearly instalments in liquidation of the 4,000 Rupees borrowed from Government for sinking wells as ordered in G.O., dated 27th January 1876, No. 195, and an additional sum of Rupees 220 in part payment of the 2,000 Rupees advanced for constructing tiled houses in Wedderburn's Pettah, which has been lately transferred to the head of Loans—*vide* G.O., dated 8th October 1878, No. 1800. The Commissioners consider that the term of five years for the liquidation of the latter loan is insufficient, with reference to the present and probable financial condition of the Municipality, and propose to apply to Government for an extension thereof to ten years. Hence provision is made for the half-yearly payments of only a moiety of the amount shown in the Government order.

24. *Interest on Debt.*—Increase Rupees 39. This increase is due to provision being made for the payment of interest on the loan of 2,000 Rupees above referred to.

25. *Police.*—Increase Rupees 3,352. This is a new item introduced with reference to Act No. VII of 1878, and to the G.O., dated 11th December 1878, No. 2195. The cost of the present Police establishment for the town, as per statement lately received from the Superintendent of Police, is Rupees 6,704, and at this rate the Municipal contribution of 50 per cent. would amount to Rupees 3,352 as shown in the Budget. The Superintendent, however, intimates that it has been decided to provide the town in future with an Inspector whose pay would amount to Rs. 165 per mensem, instead of 85 Rupees the present pay. This would raise the Municipal contribution to Rupees 3,832, but the Commissioners are of opinion, considering the population of the town, that an Inspector on Rupees 85 a month is quite sufficient.

26. *License Tax under Act III of* 1878.—The necessary provision is made both under receipts and charges in the Budget and in the Regular Estimate.

No. 133. *From Surgeon-Major W. R. CORNISH, F.R.C.S., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated 15th January* 1879, *No.* 181.

I have the honor to report that a grant of Rupees 7,264 or 23 per cent. of income has been made by the Coimbatore Municipality for Sanitary purposes for the year 1879-80. Considering the attention given in former years to the construction of latrines it may be accepted as ample.

2. Rupees 185 has been allotted for Vaccination; this will pay a first-class Vaccinator at the lowest rate of salary, and leave only Rupees 5 for contingencies, batta to mothers, &c., which is scarcely sufficient.

No. 134. *From the Vice-President for President of the Municipal Commission, Coimbatore, to the Acting Under Secretary to Government, dated Coimbatore, 3rd February 1879, No. 3-18.*

With reference to your Official Memorandum, No. 204, dated 28th ultimo, to the address of the President, I have the honor to resubmit the Budget for 1879-80 and the Regular Estimate for the current year, duly revised as therein directed.

2. It was with a view to maintain perfect agreement between Statement I-A and Statement I, in conformity to the instructions contained in paragraph 6 of the G.O., dated 25th April 1877, No. 1347, that the receipts of interest on the loan of Rupees 11,312 from the Hospital Funds to the Municipality were originally included in the latter statement for 1879-80, and in the Credit side of the Regular Estimate, and under the same instructions the gross expenditure on account of the hospital was shown in Statement II and in the Debit side of the Regular Estimate. As a different course has however been prescribed in the Memorandum under reply, it will be duly followed as is now done in the revised statements here ..withturned.

No. 134-A. ORDER THEREON, 15th February 1879, No. 287.

In the following abstract the estimates of receipts and expenditure for the year 1879-80 in the Coimbatore Municipality are contrasted with the Budget and Regular estimates of the current year:—

RECEIPTS.

	Estimate, 1878-79.	Regular Estimate.	Estimate, 1879-80.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward	..	1,517	..
Rates on Houses and Lands	10,450	11,611	10,600
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals	1,500	1,500	1,500
Registration of Carts	1,500	1,500	1,500
Tolls	5,800	5,933	8,800
Licenses	300	300	225
Assignments by Government	120	70	80
Contribution from Local Funds	1,500	1,500	1,500
Fines and Fees	200	200	200
Endowments	2,100	2,562	2,120
Miscellaneous	3,850	3,955	3,800
Advances Recoverable	700	258	300
License Tax	..	5,500	5,500
Total ..	28,000	36,406	36,125

CHARGES.

	Estimate, 1878-79.	Regular Estimate.	Estimate, 1879-80.
GRANT I.	RS.	RS.	RS.
New Works—			
Communications ..	200	200	200
Buildings	400	..	400
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	1,050	739	500
Repairs—			
Communications ..	2,900	2,000	2,460
Buildings	1,400	1,100	1,200
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	60	158	200
Establishment	528	537	120
Tools and Plant	100	100	100
Contributions to Local Funds	..	2,947	..

CHARGES— *continued.*

	Estimate, 1878-79.	Regular Estimate.	Estimate, 1879-80.
GRANT II.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Municipal Schools	380	366	390
Results Grants	1,000	700	1,000
Inspection (Contribution)	120	123	120
GRANT III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries	5,138	4,659	4,458
Vaccination	197	188	185
Registration of Births and Deaths ..	130	126	125
Conservancy	5,760	6,780	6,914
GRANT IV.			
Lighting	1,300	1,305	1,300
Markets	1,456	1,813	1,356
Choultries	1,200	2,447	1,300
Traveller's Bungalow	212	243	212
Avenues and Watering Roads	232	213	241
Police Establishment, &c.	..	..	3,352
License Tax	..	5,000	5,000
Miscellaneous	100	100	100
GRANT V.			
Supervision and Management	3,184	3,361	3,372
Repayment of Debt	953	1,201	1,520
Total ..	28,000	36,406	36,125

2. With the exception of Tolls the items of receipt in the estimate correspond very closely with the figures of the sanctioned estimate of the current year. The variation in Tolls is due to the proposal of the Commissioners to raise the rates at which they are levied from half the schedule scale to the maximum. They deprecate the introduction of the Profession Tax to raise funds to meet the Police charges. The Government would have preferred the Commissioners resorting to direct taxation to provide the additional income needed, but under the circumstances stated, and as the through traffic of the town of Coimbatore is not very considerable, they will not withhold their sanction from the course proposed by the Commissioners. A Notification will issue accordingly.

3. The expenditure on New Works and Repairs does not call for special remark, excepting that the allotment for repairs of buildings seems high.

4. The increase under Education is explained.

5. Statement I-A has been modified in accordance with the instruction of Government,* in respect of the Hospital.

* O.M., No. 204, 28th January 1879.

6. The Budget does not call for further remark and is passed.

(True Extract.)

Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Coimbatore.
" Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Accountant-General.
" Director of Public Instruction.
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