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Municipal—Budget.

Read the following papers:—

No. 113. *From A. CRUICKSHANK, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, South Arcot District, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Cuddalore, 27th January 1879, No. 11.*

I have the honor to forward herewith, for the sanction of Government, the Budget Estimate of the Cuddalore Municipality for the year 1879-80, received from the Vice-President, together with a copy of his covering letter.

2. The letter of the Vice-President explains every thing, and the variations from former years are so slight that it becomes unnecessary for me to say any thing.

3. The only addition of any importance is that the Municipality having to pay 50 per cent. of the cost of the Police, provision has to be made for this extra charge. The additional money required is to be provided by the introduction of the professional tax from Classes I to V, and the raising of the tax on houses and land. As Government have already accorded their sanction to the additional funds required on account of the Police being raised in this way, no remarks are called for.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From P. VARDACHARRY, Avergal, Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Cuddalore, to the President of the Municipal Commissions, South Arcot District, dated Cuddalore, 16th January 1879, No. 191.

I have the honor to submit herewith, for the sanction of Government, the Budget Estimate of the Cuddalore Municipality for the year 1879-80, with the following explanatory remarks. A copy of the resolution passed at the budget meeting is herewith enclosed.

2. The Government, in their Order of 27th December 1878, No. 2341, authorised the tax on arts, professions, trades, and callings to be imposed from Classes I to V of Schedule B of the Act, and the present rates on houses and lands to be raised; the former from 5 to 5½ per cent., and the latter proportionately to meet 50 per cent. of the Town Police charge. An increase of ½ per cent. in the house-rate gives fractions of a pie in calculating the tax for individual properties which it is impracticable to collect, and will, therefore, be omitted. Again, in the land-rates, a proportionate increase gives Rupees 1-1-7½ per cawny of nunjah land, and Annas 8-9-½ per cawny of punjah in lieu of the present rates of Rupee 1 for the former and Annas 8 for the latter. For convenience of calculation and facility of collection the land-rates were estimated at Rupees 1-1-6 for nunjah and Annas 8-9 for punjah.

3. *Receipts.*—The opening balance arrived at by preparing a regular estimate has been taken at Rupees 468, of which Rupees 360 belong to the Municipal Fund and Rupees 108 to the Endowment Fund. The estimated income next year is calculated to be larger than in the current year owing to the introduction of the professional tax, and to the rates on houses and lands being increased as above explained. The arrears in rates for houses and lands are estimated at Rupees 50 under the former, and Rupees 150 under the latter, which added to the estimated income of Rupees 8,220 makes Rupees 8,420. It will be observed that of this Rupees 5,770 are expected to be derived from house-rate and Rupees 2,650 from land-rate. The tax from professions, &c., is taken at Rupees 5,000, and the receipts from the registration of carts at nearly the same figure as entered in the current year, while the receipts from licenses of animals are put down at Rupees 1,800, being more than in the current year by Rupees 23 only.

4. *Tolls.*—The tolls are estimated to fetch Rupees 9,500; the same amount was budgeted for the current year, but in auction sale they sold for Rupees 400 over the estimate; but as it is expected that they may not sell so well in the ensuing year, they are estimated at Rupees 9,500 only.

5. The receipts from licenses under the Act, Surplus Pound Fund, Contribution from Local Fund on account of dispensaries, magisterial fines, interest from the funded capital, and Endowment Fund are entered as in the regular estimate of the current year, and call for no remark, as no fluctuations are anticipated. The income estimated from markets is Rupees 23 more than the regular estimate, and is expected from a new vegetable market recently opened in Old Town by a certain individual with the permission of the Commissioners, on the understanding that the fees prescribed and levied on vendors using it are to be equally shared between them. If funds eventually prove available, the Commissioners propose to buy up this market, but no provision is necessary for the purpose in the ensuing year. Rupees 50 are entered from the sale of medicines, being Rupees 30 in excess of the amount shown in the regular estimate. A sum of Rupees 2,050 is provided under Miscellaneous. There is a decrease in two of its items. The proceeds from sale of avenue cuttings are estimated at only Rupees 150, while the proceeds from the rent of the bandy-stand at Rupees 200 against Rupees 200 and Rupees 600, respectively, in the regular estimate. The individual to whom the cart-stand was first leased in the current year failed, after four months, to pay his kists regularly, upon which the Commissioners cancelled his contract and resold it for Rupees 172 for the rest of the year; the difference between this and the amount of the original rent was paid up by the defaulter on steps being taken to recover it from him through the Court; the Commissioners, therefore, think it safe to estimate its income in next year at Rupees 200 only.

6. The total receipts, including the opening balances, are estimated at Rupees 31,258.

7. *GRANT I.—Expenditure.*—The allotment for new works amounts to Rupees 1,680, and is composed of Rupees 1,500 for remodelling the Imperial roads which are getting out of order. Rupees 100 for improving the cart-stand and Rupees 80 for a leaf latrine, which is much wanted at Cummiempet in Tripadripuliyur Division, as much nuisance is committed in this locality, and the Police cannot prevent the offences for want of a public latrine close to the place. No provision is made for a toty, as the one now attached to the Coopencolam latrine, in which the work is very light, can, with facility, clean the new one also.

8. *Repairs.*—A sum of Rupees 800 is provided for repairing the street roads, Rupees 400 for repairing a three-arched bridge at Fort St. David, which work, though provided for in the current year, is not likely to be carried out, as most of that sum has been already expended in the shape of famine batta to the servants of the Municipality. Rupees 250 are provided for repairing and white-washing the two dispensaries, latrines, drains, and dust-bins as detailed in Statement II A.

9. *Establishment.*—Under this head Rupees 300 are entered for five peons, at 5 Rupees each per month, to be attached to each Inspector. At present a head cooly on three annas a day, or little more than 5 Rupees a month, is kept up in each division, to assist the Inspectors in superintending the road-work, and the cost is debited to the road allotment. To render these servants more effective and respectable without any actual addition to the cost, it is proposed to provide them with brass badges and belts, and employ them on all works, whether road, conservancy, or any other under the orders of the Division Inspectors. The Commissioners consider this arrangement very necessary to enable the Inspectors to carry out their work efficiently.

10. *Tools, Plants, and Contingencies.*—The Rupees 100 entered under this head are for purchasing some mamoties to replace worn out ones in use now.

11. *GRANT II, Education.*—A sum of Rupees 1,430 has been allotted as required by the Deputy Inspector of Schools and distributed as follows:—

- (1) Rupees 180, as salary on account of the Anglo-Vernacular school at old town.
- (2) Rupees 30, on account of batta to the Inspecting Schoolmaster for visiting the results grants schools within the Municipality.
- (3) Rupees 1,120 against Rupees 1,300 in the current year for results grants schools. The Deputy Inspector anticipates this decrease in the results grants owing to the desertion of many schools and the disorganised state of most of the existing ones,—the result partly of the famine and partly of the rigidity of the revised results grants rules:—

12. *GRANT III, Sanitation and Medical Services.*—The allotment of Rupees 7,230 in the budget under this head is greater than that of the current year by Rupees 80, and is due to extra charges for servants in the event of their work becoming heavier by an increase in the number of in-patients. The Commissioners consider that the provision for dieting charges may be reduced by about Rupees 200, as they are aware that favorable offers to diet patients at rates lower than the present rates have been received already, and are likely to be still further lowered on competition, inasmuch as the present rates have been fixed with reference to the

high prices of famine. As, however, the District Surgeon has provided for the same amount as in the current year, the Commissioners allow it to stand. The provision of Rupees 96 made by the Zillah Surgeon for stationery was cut down to Rupees 72, as Rupees 6 a-month would seem to suffice for both dispensaries.

13. *Vaccination.*—For vaccination Rupees 280 are entered against Rupees 220 in the current year, as the Sanitary Commissioner considers that a first-class vaccinator on Rupees 15 a-month should be maintained instead of a second-class vaccinator on Rupees 10, vide paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 340, dated 25th February 1878.

14. *Registration of Births and Deaths.*—This department will remain as at present.

15. *Conservancy.*—There is an increase under Establishment and Carts under this head as compared to the allotment of the current year, and is due to an additional cart and two sweepers having been added to the Pudupoliem Division for which three carts were found insufficient to keep the place clean, and to the hire of the other carts having been slightly raised.

16. *GRANT IV, Lighting.*—Provision of Rupees 500 is made for twenty new lamp-posts and Rupees 75 for oil. An additional lamp-lighter is found unnecessary, as the new lamps are proposed to be fixed at intervals of existing number which the present lamp-lighters can without hardship light. The other items under this grant call for no remark.

17. *Police.*—Rupees 3,710, according to the estimate furnished by the Superintendent of Police, are provided to meet 50 per cent. of the Police charge during 1879-80.

18. *GRANT V.*—The sum of Rupees 3,230 allotted under this grant is an increase to the regular estimate by Rupees 559. This includes provision for an extra clerk on Rupees 15 a-month or extra remuneration to the present clerks to meet the extra work which the professional tax will impose on them; remuneration to Bill Collectors for serving notices, &c., in connection with it, and subscription to the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

19. The total expenditure amounts to Rupees 30,860, leaving a balance of Rupees 398, of which Rupees 250 belongs to Municipal and Rupees 148 to Endowment Funds.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

At a Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners of Cuddalore, held on the 7th January 1879.

PRESENT:

M.R.Ry. P. Vardachariar, Avergal, Vice-President.
 " P. Venkataramiah, Avergal, Deputy Inspector of Schools.
 " C. Ramasami Pillai, Avergal.
 " Aroonachella Chettiar, Avergal.
 Absent eighteen Members.

Read draft budget estimate for 1879-80.

1. Resolved that the draft budget be approved with the following modifications:—

- (1) That provision be made for twenty new lamp-posts instead of ten only.
- (2) That the cost of five peons at Rupees 5 each per month be provided,—one to be attached to each Inspector. At present a head cooly on 3 Annas a-day, or a little more than Rupees 5 a-month, is kept up in each division to assist the Inspectors in superintending the road-work and the cost is debited to the road allotment. To render these servants more effective and respectable without any actual addition to the cost, it is resolved to provide them with brass badges and belts and employ them on all works whether road, conservancy, or any other under the orders of the Division Inspectors. A provision of Rupees 300 for the five peons has, therefore, been made.
- (3) The Commissioners consider that the provision for dieting charges may be reduced by about Rupees 200, as they are aware that favorable offers to diet patients at rates lower than the present rates have been received already, and are likely to be still further lowered on competition, inasmuch as the present rates have been fixed with reference to the high prices of famine. As, however, the District Surgeon has provided for the same amount as in last year, the Commissioners resolve to allow it to stand.
- (4) The provision of Rupees 96 for stationery seems to be too much. Rupees 6 a-month would seem to suffice, and the provision has accordingly been reduced to Rupees 72.
- (5) The Commissioners bring to notice that a latrine is much wanted at Cummiempet in Tripadripuliyur Division as much nuisance is committed in this locality, and the Police cannot prosecute the offenders for want of a public latrine close to the place.

Resolved that Rupees 30 be provided for constructing a leaf latrine and Rupees 50 for purchase of the site. No additional toty needs be employed for this new latrine, as the one now attached to Coopencolam latrine, in which the work is very light can be ordered to clean the new one also.

(Signed) P. VURDACHARIAR,
Vice-President.

No. 114. From Surgeon-Major W. R. CORNISH, F.R.C.S., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 29th January 1879, No. 232.

I have the honor to state that an ample provision to the extent of Rupees 7,739, or 24.7 per cent. of income, has been made by the Cuddalore Municipality for sanitary purposes for the year 1879-80. The vaccination grant also, viz., Rupees 280, seems to be ample. It provides for one 1st-class Vaccinator and Rupees 100 for contingencies, batta, &c.

No. 115.

ORDER THEREON, 14th February 1879, No. 274.

In the following abstract the Receipts and Expenditure of the Cuddalore Municipality in the year 1879-80 are contrasted with the sanctioned and regular estimates of the current year:—

RECEIPTS.		Estimate, 1878-79.	Regular Estimate.	Estimate, 1879-80.
		RS.	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward		460	961	468
Rates on Houses and Lands		7,900	7,850	8,420
Taxes on Arts				5,000
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals		3,100	2,777	2,800
Registration of Carts		1,050	1,100	1,100
Tolls		6,330	6,640	6,330
Licenses		300	200	200
License-tax				2,255
Assignments by Government		50	40	50
Contribution from Local Funds		2,330	2,330	2,330
Fines and Fees		100	200	200
Endowments		1,810	1,780	1,810
Miscellaneous		2,900	2,961	2,550
Total		28,330	28,839	33,513

CHARGES.		Estimate, 1878-79.	Regular Estimate.	Estimate, 1879-80.
		RS.	RS.	RS.
GRANT I.				
New Works—				
Communications		1,000	729	1,500
Buildings		200	100	180
Sanitary and Miscellaneous		50	103	
Repairs—				
Communications		1,700	1,700	800
Buildings		550	250	500
Sanitary and Miscellaneous		300		150
Establishment				350
Tools and Plant		50	100	100
GRANT II.				
Salary Grants		180	180	180
Results Grants		1,300	1,300	1,129
Inspection (Contribution)		180	160	120

CHARGES—continued.

	Estimate, 1878-79.	Regular Estimate.	Estimate, 1879-80.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
GRANT III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries	7,150	7,150	7,239
Medical College	169	160	160
Vaccination	220	220	280
Registration of Births and Deaths	310	310	310
Conservancy	7,699	7,625	7,559
GRANT IV.			
Lighting	1,489	1,465	2,049
Markets	30	40	20
Choultrys	740	799	619
Travellers' bungalow	200	214	190
Police			3,710
Avenues and Watering Roads	140	161	130
License-tax			2,039
Miscellaneous	469	780	410
GRANT V.			
Supervision and Management	2,663	2,672	3,455
Balances	154	463	398
Total	28,330	28,839	33,513

2. Including the license-tax (Rupees 2,255), the receipts of 1879-80 are estimated at Rupees 33,513 against Rupees 28,839, the regular estimate for the current year, excluding the License-tax receipts. The increase is due to the additional taxation approved in G.O., 27th December 1878, No. 231. The provision under Grant I of Rupees 1,500 "for remodelling" certain main roads should not appear under *New Works* but under *Repairs*. It will be transferred accordingly; the other allotments under this grant are approved.

3. The provision for education appears sufficient to meet the demands on Municipality during the year.

4. Under Hospitals the Government think with the Commissioners that the provision for dieting patients might well have been reduced. The charge for stationery seems high.

5. The increase in the provision for conservancy is approved.

6. The provision for twenty new lamp-posts and additional establishment is passed.

7. The increase in the establishment charge under Grant V is satisfactorily explained.

8. With these remarks the budget is passed.

(True Extract.)

A. B. fiji
Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Cuddalore.
" 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 Board, South Arcot.

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