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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

11th February 1879, No. 236.

Municipal-Budgets.

Read the following paper:—

No. 71. *From W. LOGAN, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Malabar, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Calicut, 17th January 1879, No. 40.*

I have the honor to submit herewith, for the sanction of Government, the Budget Estimates of the Cochin Municipality for the ensuing official year 1879-80, together with the Regular Estimates of receipts and charges of the current year, and the covering letter of the Vice-President.

RECEIPTS.

2. The total receipts of the Municipality are estimated to be Rupees 17,090, inclusive of the opening balance. The above sum is Rupees 3,990 above the amount of the sanctioned Budget of the current year, and Rupees 2,064 above that of the Regular Estimate. This large increase is due to the Commissioners' proposal to raise the rate on houses and lands from 4 to 7½ per cent., and to extend the Trades tax to the last three classes, to provide funds for Police contributions, and also to meet the deficit that may arise from the withdrawal of contributions to the Municipal Dispensary by some of the principal subscribers.

3. I request the sanction of Government to the proposal of the Commissioners to the raising of House tax, and the extension of Profession tax as shown above.

4. This Municipality has not undertaken the levy of License tax under Act III of 1878, and therefore there is no receipt under that item.

5. Under charges, the Police contribution is a new item of expenditure for the ensuing year which has been provided for with reference to G.O., No. 2195, dated 11th ultimo.

CHARGES.

6. There are variations observable under certain items of charges as compared with the current year. They are fully explained in the letter of the Vice-President herewith enclosed.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Vice-President of the Cochin Municipality, to the President of the Municipal Commissions, Malabar, dated Cochin, 10th January 1879, No. 78.

I have the honor to submit, herewith, the Budget Estimate of this Municipality for the ensuing year 1879-80.

2. A comparison of the receipts and charges with those of the current year shows an increase of Rupees 3,990.

3. The variation under each head is explained below:—

RECEIPTS.

1. Rate on Houses and Lands. In view to meet the Police contribution, as well as the deficit arising from the withdrawal of contributions by some of the principal subscribers to the dispensary, the Commissioners had no alternative but to raise the rate on houses and lands from 4 to 7½ per cent. This enhanced the income under this head from Rupees 4,700 to 8,800 Rupees.

2. Taxes on Arts, &c.	It has also been found necessary to add the last three classes to the Professional tax which were discontinued in accordance with G.O., No. 993, dated 13th June 1874, as this gives a further increase of Rupees 250.
3. Taxes on Vehicles and Animals.	Decrease of Rupees 50 due to a falling off in the number of carriages and animals in use within the Municipality.
4. Registration of Carts	The same as last Budget.
5. Licenses	
6. Contribution from Provincial Funds	
7. Contributions from Special Funds, &c.—	
Port Fund	
Surplus Pound Fund	The same as last Budget.
Ferry Rent	
8. Fines and Fees	
9. Fees in Schools	
10. Rent of Fish-markets	
11. Endowments, Private Contributions and Donations, and Miscellaneous Receipts—	
Dispensary	Decrease Rupees 240 due to some of the principal subscribers having discontinued their subscriptions.
12. Miscellaneous—	
Travellers' Bungalow.	Decrease Rupees 100 due to very few travellers being expected to occupy the bungalow on account of a Club having been established at the place.
Sale of Sweepings	Increase Rupees 30 due to a rise in the demand for sweepings.
13. Opening Balance	The same as last Budget.
CHARGES.	
14. Grant I	Increase Rupees 500 owing to provision being made for new latrines and drains as well as for repairing old ones.
15. Grant II	The same as last Budget.
16. Grant III—	
1. Dispensary	Increase Rupees 240 owing to a larger quantity of medicine than usual having been indented for.
2. Medical College	Rupees 66 are provided to meet the outlay directed in G.O., No. 147, dated 25th January 1878.
3. Vaccination	Increase Rupees 54 due partly to the pay of Vaccinator being raised and partly to the increase in contingencies.
4. Registration of Births and Deaths	The same as last Budget.
5. Conservancy	
17. Grant IV—	
1. Lighting	Increase Rupees 100 due to more lamp-posts being proposed to be put up.
2. Travellers' Bungalow	The same as last Budget.
3. Watering Streets	
4. Avenues	
5. Fire Engine	Decrease Rupees 70 owing to less expenditure being anticipated.
6. Killing Dogs	The same as last Budget.
7. Garden	
8. Maintenance of Lunatic.	Rupees 300 have been provided to meet the expense of a lunatic from this Municipality who is in the Asylum at Madras.
9. Police Force	Rupees 2,730 provided for, with reference to G.O., No. 2195, dated 11th December 1878.
18. Grant V	Decrease Rupees 20 owing to a slight reduction in the establishment.

4. I also beg to forward an extract from the Budget Estimate relating to Sanitary expenditure for transmission to the Sanitary Commission, Madras.

No. 72. From Surgeon-Major W. R. CORNSH, F.R.C.S., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated 29th January 1879, No. 233.

I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that an allotment of Rupees 3,350 or 19.6 per cent. of income has been made by the Cochin Municipality for Sanitary purposes for the year 1879-80, which may be accepted as ample.

2. The Vaccination grant provides for one first-class Vaccinator on Rupees 15 per mensem and Rupees 54 for contingencies, &c.

No. 73. ORDER THEREON, 11th February 1879, No. 236.

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

RECEIPT.	Estimate, 1878-79.	Regular Estimate.	Estimate, 1879-80.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward	150	374	150
Rates on Houses and Lands	4,700	5,160	8,800
Taxes on Arts	2,000	2,220	2,250
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals	150	150	100
Registration of Carts	80	70	80
Licenses	160	200	160
Assignments by Government	2,750	3,750	2,750
Fines and Fees	100	100	100
Endowments	1,080	1,000	840
Miscellaneous	1,930	2,002	1,860
Total	13,100	15,026	17,090

CHARGE	Estimate, 1878-79.	Regular Estimate.	Estimate, 1879-80.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
GRANT I.			
New Works—			
Buildings	100	100	200
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	100	100	300
Repairs—			
Communications	750	750	800
Buildings	300	300	250
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	150	150	340
Establishment	180	180	180
GRANT II.			
Municipal Schools	2,004	2,055	2,004
Results Grants	222	15	366
Inspection (Contribution)	144	85	..
GRANT III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries	2,970	3,865	3,210
Vaccination	180	230	234
Registration of Births and Deaths	150	150	150
Conservancy	2,400	2,500	2,400
Contribution to Medical College	..	66	66

CHARGES.—continued.

		Estimate, 1878-79.	Regular Estimate.	Estimate, 1879-80.
		RS.	RS.	RS.
GRANT IV.				
Lighting ..	..	1,000	1,150	1,100
Traveller's Bungalow ..	..	200	203	200
Avenues and Watering Road ..	..	200	270	200
Miscellaneous ..	..	350	875	580
Police Force ..	..	..	..	2,730
GRANT V.				
Supervision and Management ..	..	1,800	1,863	1,760
Refunds ..	..	..	69	..
Balances ..	..	..	150	..
Total ..		13,100	15,028	17,090

2. The total receipts estimated for amount to Rupees 17,090 against a regular estimate of Rupees 15,028, and a sanctioned estimate of Rupees 13,100. The increase in the regular estimate is explained as due to large advance in the sale price of the Ferry rents, and also in a measure to the collection of arrears of House rates and Profession tax. In the ensuing year the Commissioners do not expect any material increase on the receipts according to the sanctioned Budget of the current year, whilst they have to provide for heavy Police charges, and also to make good the loss which the Hospital has sustained by the withdrawal of contributions. With this end in view they propose to raise House tax from 4 per cent. to $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. and to extend the Profession tax so as to include the three classes still exempt.

3. His Grace the Governor in Council approves the raising of the House tax to the maximum rate, but though he will not withhold his consent to the extension of the Profession tax to Classes VI, VII, and VIII, yet he observes that this extension is only expected to bring in an addition to the Municipal income of Rupees 250. If the gain is to be so small the expediency of imposing the tax may perhaps be regarded as doubtful, but even this small revenue, it may be urged, is necessary, as the expenditure equals the receipts, or rather is in excess of them, for no closing balance is provided.

4. The License tax is not entered, the Municipal Commissioners having been relieved of the duty of collection. The Budget has been carefully and correctly prepared with the exception of Statement I-A. The entry in Column II is incorrect there having been no fresh addition to funded capital. The balance in Column 16 should be a minus balance.

5. With these remarks the Budget is passed.

(The Extract.)

H. B. Figg

Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Malabar.

- .. 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.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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