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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

19th February 1879, No. 313.

Municipal—Budgets.

Read the following papers :—

No. 172. *From C. S. CROLE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Kurnool, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Kurnool, 2nd December* 1878, *No.* 49.

I have the honor to submit the Budget Estimate for 1879-80.

2. At the close of the current year a surplus balance of Rupees 2,120 is expected as calculated in the regular estimate herewith sent. This favorable result is due partly to the more rigorous measures employed in realising the house-tax, which it was found difficult to collect during the famine; partly to the unexpected increase in the tolls in consequence of the continuance of the famine grain-trade for a longer time than was expected at the time the budget was framed; and partly to the proceeds of the tax on trades and professions newly imposed being considerably more than the amount of deficit, to meet which it was introduced.

3. *Receipts.*—To meet the increased expenditure imposed by the new Municipal Police Act, and to enable the Commissioners to carry out the wishes of Government (*vide* G.O., No. 1604, dated 7th September 1878) in regard to the construction of markets and slaughter-houses, the want of which is seriously felt, the Commissioners propose to adopt the following measures for the ensuing year :—

	Expected Increase.
	Rs.
1. The enhancement of house-tax, from 4 to 5 per cent.	1,200
2. Increase in the rate of tolls, from ½ to ¾ of the maximum rates..	2,200
3. The withdrawal of exemption from taxation now accorded to the two last classes of traders	1,200
4. Borrowing of 3,500 Rupees from Dispensary Capital for the construction of a market	3,500

4. Considering that a very large number of house-owners are poor, and that the people have not yet fully recovered from the effects of the famine, it is thought inadvisable to raise the tax on houses more than one per cent.

5. The increased expenditure now imposed and the otherwise unsatisfactory state of the Municipal finances has rendered it necessary to propose an increase in the rate of tolls. The proposal seems fair, considering that it is made after all other sources of income provided by law have been had recourse to.

6. As the state of the Municipal Funds will not permit for many a long day to come, the employment of any part of the regular income for the construction of markets, and as markets are remunerative works, it is proposed to utilise the dispensary capital for this purpose. In point of fact, the Commission proposes to utilise its own funds instead of lending them to Government, and if the receipts from a market turn out what they ought to be, such an application of the money will be much more remunerative than the present arrangement.

7. In the expectation that these arrangements will be sanctioned, it is estimated that the receipts of 1879-80 will amount to Rupees 27,785, as detailed below:—

	Rs.
Opening Balance	2,120
Rates on Houses and Lands	6,600
Tax on Animals and Vehicles	1,400
Tax on Arts, &c.	3,200
Registration of Carts	330
Tolls	6,700
Licenses	250
Fines and fees	50
Assignment by Government (contribution from Pound Fund)	20
Contribution from Local Funds	2,260
Endowments	135
Miscellaneous	1,220
Loan from Dispensary Capital	3,500
Total	27,785

8. *Expenditure.*—This amount it is proposed to spend as follows:—

	Rs.
GRANT I.—*Public Works*—	
1. New Works—	
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	6,000
2. Repairs—	
Communication	630
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	150
Total	6,780
GRANT II—	
Education—Schools on combined system—	
Salary Grants	81
Result "	396
Inspection (contribution to Local Funds)	20
Contribution to Medical College	80
Total	580
GRANT III—	
Sanitation and Medical Services—	
Hospitals and Dispensaries	3,500
Vaccination	190
Registration of Births and Deaths	160
Conservancy	6,000
Total	9,850
GRANT IV—	
Miscellaneous, Municipal purposes—	
Lighting	300
Travellers' Bungalow	110
Avenues and watering roads	200
Miscellaneous—	
Water Supply	4,000
Cost of Police Establishment (50 per cent.)	3,400
Total	8,010

	Rs.
GRANT V—	
Supervision and Management	1,440
Repayment of debt	500
Total	1,940
Total	27,160
Budget, Closing Balance	625
Grand Total	27,785

9. GRANT I.—The New Works proposed to be built are one market (Rs. 5,000) and two slaughter-houses (Rupees 1,000).

10. The provision for the market is made with reference to the wishes of Government conveyed in G.O., No. 1604, dated 7th September 1878. But in a resolution on this subject, copy of which is herewith submitted, the Commissioners, in consideration of the difficulty of providing a good site, propose to utilise the present jail, which, it is believed, will be soon vacated. The jail when vacated cannot be used for a better purpose than the one contemplated by the Commissioners. The buildings are not fit to be used as dwelling houses, and will not be purchased by the native public except for the materials; I would recommend that the Government may make over the buildings to the Commissioners rather than allow them to be pulled down. I may remark that the building has cost the Government little or nothing, for it was originally the arsenal of the Nawabs of Kurnool. Its conversion into a market would not, owing to its peculiar construction, cost much, while the history of past measures of the kind in Kurnool warrants the anticipation that, if it is pulled down and the materials sold, a nuisance and sanitary danger will be produced, which, under the notorious health conditions of the town, should certainly be avoided.

11. One objection to the erection of a market, however, which I would submit for the consideration of Government is the legal difficulty of preventing people from selling articles of food in places other than the markets established by the Commissioners, *vide* G.O., No. 1251, dated 17th July 1876. If the Commissioners are powerless in this respect, they consider it inadvisable to spend money on the construction of markets. A poor Municipality like Kurnool cannot afford to spend money for mere speculative purposes, and unless the Government are prepared to make a change in the existing law in this respect, I agree with the Commissioners in thinking that no money should be spent for building markets.

12. The allotment for repair of roads and latrines, &c., is as usual.

13. The grant under Education is only slightly more than the current year's grant. There are only eleven schools in the town, and a larger amount than 580 does not seem necessary.

14. The allotments under other grants are nearly the same as in the current year, except the new charge on account of Police.

15. The cost of Town Police, as given in a Memorandum received from the Police Superintendent, is Rupees 8,225, including the pay of a 1st-Class Inspector (Rs. 215 per mensem). According to the Act the maximum payable by the Municipality is 75 per cent., or a little more than Rupees 6,000. In 1871, when the Police Force was paid by the Municipality, a 4th-Class Inspector on Rupees 85 was charged; and there does not appear to be any necessity for imposing a larger burden at present. The Commissioners propose that the strength be reduced accordingly, or the difference of pay charged to General Police. If this reduction is allowed the estimate of the Police Superintendent will be reduced to Rupees 6,665, which is Rupees 166 more than the cost of Police in 1871. In the present state of their finance the Commissioners consider that they are not able to pay more than 50 per cent. of this latter charge, or Rupees 3,400 in round figure, which is the sum provided in the budget.

16. The other items require no special remark.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Kurnool Municipal Commission, dated 21st October 1878.

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3. Referring to G.O., dated 7th September 1878, No. 1604, calling attention of the Commissioners to the want of markets and slaughter-houses, it is resolved that a slaughter-house be erected at or near the site now used for killing sheep opposite to Nuznoor Gate, and that Rupees 1,000 be provided for that purpose in the budget for 1879-80.

The item for construction of a market is passed. A good site not being easily procurable for the purpose, the President will be requested to ascertain in the Magisterial Department whether the Jail, which it appears has been condemned as unsuited for its present purpose on sanitary grounds, can be vacated by the 1st April next, or soon afterwards by the removal of the prisoners to the Camp Jail, and if so, whether the Government will be willing to hand over the jail to the Municipality free of cost.

The President will also be requested to ascertain whether there is any legal objection to the forcible prevention of people from selling meat or vegetable in places other than the market to be established by the Commissioners.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. S. CROLE,
President.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

EXTRACT from letter from the President, Municipal Commission, Kurnool, dated 2nd December 1878, No. 49.

Paragraph 15. The cost of Town Police as given in a memorandum received from the Police Superintendent is Rupees 8,225, including the pay of a 1st-Class Inspector (Rs. 215 per mensem). According to the Act the maximum payable by the Municipality is 75 per cent., or a little more than Rupees 6,000. In 1871 when the Police Force was paid by the Municipality, a 4th-Class Inspector on Rupees 85 was charged; and there does not appear to be any necessity for imposing a larger burden at present. The Commissioners propose that the strength be reduced accordingly, or the difference of pay charged to General Police. If this reduction is allowed, the estimate of the Police Superintendent will be reduced to Rupees 6,665, which is Rupees 166 more than the cost of Police in 1871. In the present state of their finance the Commissioners consider that they are not able to pay more than 50 per cent. of this latter charge, or Rupees 3,400 in round figure which is the sum provided in the budget.

No. 2307.

Referred to the Inspector-General of Police for early report in regard to the grade of the Inspector who should be employed in the Town.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
16*th December* 1878.

(Signed) H. B. GRIGG,
Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

No. 173. *From Colonel W. S. DREVER, C.S.I., Acting Inspector-General of Police, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras,* 18*th January* 1879, *No.* 216.

With reference to extract from letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Kurnool, No. 49, dated 2nd December 1878, referred to me for report, I have the honor to forward a letter* from the Superintendent of Police, Kurnool, regarding the necessity of employing a 1st-Class Inspector of Police in the Kurnool Town where a large criminal class is constantly recruited from bad characters of the Hyderabad Territory. I consider the town of Kurnool requires an extra efficient well-paid Inspector.

* No. 592, dated 30th December 1878.

2. Fifty per cent. only is chargeable to the Municipality under recent orders of Government for the year 1879-80.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Captain W. H. St. A. WILTON, Acting Superintendent of Police, to the Inspector-General of Police, Madras, dated Kurnool, 30th December 1878, No. 592.

In reply to your Endorsement, No. 5480 of the 17th instant, on reference No. 2307 from the Acting Under Secretary to Government, I have the honor to report that the Kurnool Town requires a most thoroughly efficient and experienced Inspector.

2. The Town contains a very large criminal class, which is constantly being recruited from the bad characters of Hyderabad.

3. I consider that an Inspector of the 2nd Grade at least should always be employed in this town.

4. The present incumbent, Mr. Thorpe, is a 1st-Class Inspector, a hard-working, zealous, and steady man; his removal from the Town would be a subject of regret to all the respectable inhabitants, both European and Native, and more particularly would it be felt by the Members of the Municipality.

Under these circumstances I would suggest that 1st-Class Inspector Mr. Thorpe be retained in his present post, and (as the Municipality seem unable to afford more than a 4th Grade Inspector,) that the difference of pay between a first and fourth grade be made up from the General Police Funds; should Government, however, be unwilling to accede to this request, I would then propose giving Mr. Thorpe a small taluk charge in addition to the Town duties; this, of course, would somewhat impair the efficiency of the Town Police, but as an alternative measure, it would be far preferable to any scheme which would totally deprive the Town of Mr. Thorpe's valuable services.

No. 174. *From C. S. CROLE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Kurnool, to the Acting Under Secretary to Government, dated Kurnool,* 1*st February* 1879, *No.* 1.

In reply to your Official Memorandum, No. 193, dated 27th January 1879, Financial Department, I have the honor to state that the amount of the estimated receipts on account of license-tax for the current year is Rupees 3,214, and the cost of collecting the same by the Municipal Agency Rupees 96.

No. 175. ORDER THEREON, 19th February 1879, No. 313.

In the following abstract the estimated receipts and expenditure of the Kurnool Municipality in 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	60	92	2,120
Rates on Houses and Lands	6,000	6,500	6,600
Taxes on Arts	..	2,000	3,200
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals ..	1,600	1,400	1,400
Registration of Carts	300	330	330
Tolls	4,500	5,400	6,700
Licenses	200	250	250
License Tax	..	..	3,310
Assignments by Government ..	50	20	20
Contribution from Local Funds ..	2,250	2,200	2,260
Fines and Fees	100	70	50
Endowments	200	175	135
Miscellaneous	1,040	1,170	1,220
Loans	..	..	3,500
Total ..	16,300	19,607	31,095

CHARGES.	Estimate, 1878-79.	Regular Estimate.	Estimate, 1879-80.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
GRANT I.			
New Works—			
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	..	..	6,000
Repairs—			
Communications	630	780	630
Buildings	..		..
Sanitary and Miscellaneous ..	150		150
GRANT II.			
Salary Grants	..	400	84
Results Grants	400		396
Schools on the combined system ..	60		..
Inspection (Contribution)	20		20
Miscellaneous	..		..
GRANT III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries	3,500	3,400	3,580
Vaccination	190	190	190
Registration of Births and Deaths ..	160	160	160
Conservancy	6,000	6,000	6,000
GRANT IV.			
Lighting	250	300	300
Travellers' Bungalow	110	110	110
License Tax	..	..	3,214
Avenues and Watering Roads ..	240	200	200
Contribution for Police	..	..	3,400
Miscellaneous	4,000	4,000	4,000
GRANT V.			
Supervision and Management	1,140	1,140	1,536
Repayment of Debt	500	500	500
Balances	— 1,350	2,127	625
Total ..	16,300	19,607	31,095

2. The year 1879-80 will, it is expected, open with a credit balance of Rupees 2,120; the causes producing this excess are satisfactorily explained by the President.

3. The heads of revenue under which the Commissioners expect an increase of receipts sufficient to meet the Police charges, and to provide a market and slaughter-house are (1) the increase of the house-rate from 4 to 5 per cent., (2) the application of the profession-tax to Classes VII and VIII, (3) the raising of the toll-rate from half to three-quarters of the maximum, (4) the transfer from dispensary capital of Rupees 3,500; this amount to be expended on the market.

4. Increase 1, 2, and 3 are fully approved by Government, but the transfer from the funded capital of the dispensary will not at present be necessary. The Commissioners propose to expend Rupees 6,000 on new works, viz., Rupees 5,000 for a market and Rupees 1,000 for a slaughter-house. The Government are much pleased to learn the readiness which the Commissioners have displayed in seeking to carry out works indicated by Government of such vital importance to the town; but at the same time the provisions of the Act in regard to markets, which, in the opinion of the Advocate-General, do not confer on the Commissioners the power necessary to control traders in the manner referred to by the Commissioners, render it incumbent upon them to take fully into consideration the financial aspects of the case when a large outlay is to be incurred. This has been done by the President in paragraph 11 of his letter, and the Government are inclined to concur in his opinion as to the inexpediency of large immediate outlay for the purpose; but they are prepared to consider favorably the Commissioners' suggestion in regard to the jail buildings about to be vacated, should it appear on further inquiry that the buildings may, with due regard to the interests of

Government, be so dealt with. The Inspector-General of Jails will report on the matter.

5. The allotment for the construction of a slaughter-house is fully approved. The work should be begun without delay.

6. The Commissioners raise strong objections to their being required to pay a moiety of the entire Police charge. Considering the resources of the town and the exceptional character of its criminal population the Government will not at present require them to pay half the salary of a 1st-Class Inspector, but will be satisfied with a contribution equivalent to half the salary of a 3rd-Class Inspector, the difference between this figure and that of half the pay of a 1st-Class Inspector will be borne by Provincial Funds; with these remarks the budget is passed.

(True Extract.)

N. S. Leff
Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Kurnool.
" 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 Board, Kurnool.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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The PRESIDENT of the
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Municipal Subjects—The budget estimate of the Karwar Municipality for 1879-80, reviewed and passed.

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H. Bruce Esq.