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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

19th February 18' No. 312.

Municipal—Budgets.

Read the following paper:—

No. 170. *From W. F. GRAHAME, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Mannargudi, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Vallam, 4th February 1879, No. 19.*

I have the honor to submit, in the prescribed forms, the Budget Estimate of the Mannargudi Municipality for the year 1879-80, as also the Regular Estimate prepared in accordance with G.O., dated 25th April 1877, No. 1347.

2. The gross receipts of the Municipality are estimated at Rupees 20,700 which are in excess of the current year's estimate by Rupees 6,200. The excess is partly due to a large balance of Rupees 3,200 expected at the end of the current year instead of the *minus* balance of Rupees 1,500, which was anticipated when the current year's Budget was prepared, and partly to the additional items of receipts taken into calculation, viz., the License Tax collections and the amount of remuneration to be paid to the Municipality by Government.

3. Under the head of Expenditure the chief items are—

	Rs.
(1) Constructing Urinals, &c., which are now necessary	1,500
(2) Repairing the Water-supply Channel	1,500
(3) Three-fourths Contribution to Police	1,922
(4) License Tax	1,200

Items 1, 3, and 4 are new. Although the Commissioners allotted Rupees 2,000 for the repair of water-supply channel during the current year, it appears that only a small portion of the allotment will be spent. The reason assigned for the non-expenditure of the rest is that the works connected with the repair of the main channel had to be postponed under professional advice.

4. Provision has also been made for putting up more lights and for employing one more scavenging cart.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From T. KRISHNA ROW, Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Mannargudi, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Tanjore, dated Mannargudi, 30th December 1878, No. 117.

In forwarding herewith a detailed Budget Estimate in duplicate to be submitted to Government, prepared in accordance with the Proceedings of Government, dated 25th April 1877, No. 1347, and an abstract of Budget Estimate, as directed in G.O., dated 13th November 1876, No. 2019, for transmission to the Sanitary Commissioner's Office, I have the honor to state that the Commissioners have found it necessary to make due provision for the construction of urinals and latrines, for the better improvement of the water-supply channel which cannot be thoroughly repaired during the current year, for more properly lighting the town, and for an additional cart for the removal of the rubbish. Provision was also made for a separate clerk for keeping the accounts of the license tax.

2. The probable opening balance is explained in the Regular Estimate.

No. 171. ORDER THEREON, 19th February 1879, No. 312.

In the following abstract the receipts and expenditure of the Mannargudi Municipality for 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	..	1,500	37	3,200
Rates on Houses and Lands	..	2,900	3,014	3,000
Taxes on Arts	..	..	..	2,500
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals	..	900	1,030	1,000
Tolls	..	8,000	8,633	8,000
Licenses	..	70	75	75
License Tax	..	..	1,341	1,330
Assignments by Government	..	250	250	250
Contribution from Local Funds	..	1,810	1,810	1,810
Fines and Fees	..	380	380	360
Endowments	..	1,150	1,700	1,150
Miscellaneous	..	540	521	485
Advances Recoverable	..	..	50	50
Total	..	14,500	18,841	23,210

CHARGES.		Estimate, 1878-79.	Regular Estimate.	Estimate, 1879-80.
		RS.	RS.	RS.
GRANT I.				
New Works—				
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	..	75	75	2,100
Repairs—				
Communications	..	1,300	1,500	1,500
Buildings	..	75	500	50
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	..	2,000	540	1,550
Establishment	..	384	384	384
Tools and Plant	..	20	50	30
GRANT II.				
Results Grants	..	800	1,200	1,200
Inspection (Contribution)	..	50	50	50
GRANT III.				
Hospitals and Dispensaries	..	4,492	4,766	4,482
Medical College	..	..	72	72
Vaccination	..	195	201	205
Registration of Births and Deaths	..	120	84	120
Conservancy	..	1,750	1,731	2,185
GRANT IV.				
Lighting	..	834	644	996
Police	..	..	..	1,922
Avenues and Watering Roads	..	600	674	600
License Tax	..	..	1,207	1,200
Miscellaneous	..	30	105	70
GRANT V.				
Supervision and Management	..	1,775	1,817	1,994
Refunds	..	..	41	..
Balances	..	..	3,200	2,500
Total	..	14,500	18,841	23,210

2. To meet the additional charge thrown on the Municipality for Police the Commissioners do not propose to raise any additional income by taxation, but

expect to meet all charges from current income *plus* the large opening balance, estimated at Rupees 3,200. But as the year 1879-80 is estimated to close without any credit balance it follows that the expenditure budgeted for is by this amount in excess of ordinary income. The Government do not consider this state of affairs at all satisfactory, nor are they fully satisfied with the explanation given by the Commissioners for short expenditure during the current year under Works. Necessary works cannot be permitted to be checked in order to enable the Commissioners to avoid the unpleasant necessity of increased taxation. Other Municipalities, whose position is far less favorable than that of Mannargudi, have raised extra taxation, though not immediately absolutely necessary to keep their finances on a sound footing. This will be done in Mannargudi also. The Government accordingly resolve to direct that the Tax on Trades and Professions be introduced forthwith, the incidence being confined at present to Clauses I to IV. This measure should produce an increase of revenue of Rupees 2,000 to Rupees 2,500 approximately. The Commissioners will submit a supplemental Budget showing how they propose to expend the major portion of this sum. Rupees 700 or Rupees 800 should be reserved as a working balance. It is clear that the road and sanitary works are much required.

3. The contribution to the Medical College is fixed at Rupees 72. Rupees 116 is approximately the correct amount.

4. The Budget is passed subject to the above remarks.

(True Extract.)

N. H. Lee
Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Mannargudi.
 " 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, Tanore.

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