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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

24th February 1877, No. 705.

Municipal—Budgets.

Read the following paper :—

No. 413. *From W. S. FOSTER, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Godavery District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Cocanada, 5th February* 1877, *No.* 3.

I have the honor to forward, herewith, the Budget Estimates* of receipts and charges of the Ellore Municipality for 1877-78, prepared in accordance with the instructions contained in G.O., No. 2126, dated 27th November 1876, together with Regular Estimates† of receipts and expenditure for the year 1876-77, framed with reference to the forms given in the above order. The first report‡ of the Vice-President, dated 22nd December 1876, No. 32, which accompanied the Budget Estimates, as well as the second report§ of the Municipal Commissioners of the 2nd instant, No. 40, are also forwarded herewith, which contain the full information on all the items exhibited in the Budget Estimates, &c.

* No. 1.

† No. 2.

‡ No. 3.

§ No. 4.

2. On the receipt of these Budget Estimates, with the first report of the Vice-President in question, Mr. Kelsall, then in charge, returned the same for revision as he found some discrepancies in the figures exhibited both in the Budget and the Regular Estimates. The Vice-President having left the district on leave, the Commissioners sent in their reply, as mentioned above, to Mr. Kelsall's letter, which reached yesterday at 5 P.M.; from which it will be seen that they saw no reason to revise or alter the Budget, but returned the same, affording explanations on certain points objected to by Mr. Kelsall, which seem reasonable.

3. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Commissioners' second report, I concur with the opinion of the Commissioners on the subject of transferring the Rs. 1,300 to the closing balance under the reasons thereinstated, so that there will be a closing balance of Rupees 1,306 at the close of the year 1877-78.

N.B.—The President, Mr. Foster, having proceeded to Badrachellum on Jamabundi, he directed the Deputy Collector to submit this report and the Budget Estimates, &c., to prevent delay.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From T. J. MALTBY, Esq., Vice-President of the Ellore Municipality, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Godavery District, dated Ellore, 22nd December 1876, No. 32.

I have the honor to submit, herewith, the Budget Estimates of the Ellore Municipality for 1877-78, prepared in accordance with the forms appended to the G.O., under date the 28th

October 1871, No. 1646, and according to the instructions contained in G.O., No. 2126, dated 27th November 1876. Copies of the Regular Estimates, prepared according to the form prescribed in the same order, are also enclosed.

2. RECEIPTS.—The total receipts including the opening balance amount to Rupees 16,305. The House-tax is estimated at Rupees 3,500 including the probable amount of arrears (Rupees 200) as in previous years. As the Municipality is now obliged to pay one-third share of the Tolls to the Ellore Circle, Local Fund Board, the Commissioners proposed to levy the tolls at the maximum schedule rates. The Magisterial fines are estimated at Rupees 150 for the next year. Rupees 3,000 are entered under "Contribution from Local Funds" for the Dispensary building as the Local Fund Board have inserted an equal sum in their Budget for 1877-78 for this purpose. Rupees 600 have been estimated on account of contribution from the Local Funds towards the working of the Dispensary. The other items call for no remarks as the variations are but small.

3. EXPENDITURE.—The total estimated charges amount to Rupees 16,299, leaving a balance of Rupees 6. As it is usual to receive from the Toll Contractors the first instalment of the sum agreed on in the contract at the beginning of each official year in order to meet current expenditure, the fact of the closing balance being so small a one does not so much matter. Rupees 7,200 are estimated for Public Works, of which Rupees 3,000 are for the Dispensary building and Rupees 900 for building two or three pucca latrines which are very much needed. The roads are in a shocking bad state, and Rupees 3,000 have been allotted for their repairs, whilst Rupees 300 are included for the Overseer's salary. Rupees 96 have been added under "Hospitals and Dispensaries" for the salaries of a female attendant and a waterman, whose services are absolutely necessary for the Dispensary. Rupees 2,880 are estimated for Conservancy, the detailed items of which call for no remarks. The contingencies under "Vaccination," viz., Rupees 30, will be available for vaccination instruments, &c., besides the usual charges for batta to mothers, &c.

4. As it is intended to erect more new lamps next year, the establishment of the town under "Lighting" has been raised to Rupees 132 to provide for two additional lamp-lighters. The contingencies for oil, lamp-posts, &c., are estimated at Rupees 558.

5. As the Commissioners believe that there will be considerable distress amongst the poorer classes in Ellore before the gathering of the next harvest, they have unanimously resolved to set apart a sum of Rupees 1,500 for feeding the poor, in which sum must, however, be included the dieting of lunatics, as directed in G.O., dated 27th November 1876, No. 2126.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From the Municipal Commissioners, Ellore, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Godavery District, dated Ellore, 2nd February 1877, No. 40.

With reference to your letter, dated 27th January 1877, No. 7, we beg to inform you that Mr. Kelsall's original letter and the Budget returned with it have been since received in this office. On perusal of that letter and on careful reconsideration of the same Budget, we find no ground to revise or alter our Budget correctly prepared. We therefore submit to you the same Budget for 1877-78 and thoroughly believe that you will no doubt approve it and be satisfied with the following explanations to the several questions raised by Mr. Kelsall who objected to the way in which our Regular Estimates were prepared for 1876-77.

2. With reference to paragraphs 1, 2, and 3, we beg to state that the Regular Estimates for 1876-77 were prepared in accordance with the instructions laid down in the G.O., dated 27th November 1876, No. 2126, and as suggested by Mr. Kelsall. The actuals of the first eight months were taken and the probable receipts and expenditure of the last four months of the current year entered in column 4 were added to them. We cannot expect that the same figures of the last four months of the year 1875-76 will exactly agree with those of the last four months of this year. The figures entered in column 4 were arrived at on our experience of the transactions of the last part of the current year, but not on mere supposition of the items in order to tally with

the Budget grant of 1876-77. It does not appear from the Government Order above quoted that explanation is needed for the entries in column 4, but only it is clear that differences between columns 5 and 6 be explained. We are sure that the probable balance arrived at at the close of the current year is therefore properly calculated.

3. With reference to paragraph 4:—

House-tax.—The sum collected in the first eight months were the old arrears, and that in column 4 is the current year's amount expected to be collected before the end of the year, and it calls for no remark.

Vehicles.—The first eight months' actuals include part of the collections for the second-half year. Hence the difference.

Fees.—The reason for putting Rupees 140 for four months is on account of expectation of license fees on dangerous and offensive trades within this year.

Hospitals.—Rupees 339-13-3 received in first eight months was the quota payable for the last year by the Local Fund Board, and Rupees 600 entered in column 4 is an expected contribution from Local Funds for this year, and therefore we observe that there is no anomaly.

4. With reference to paragraph 5:—

GRANT I—*Expenditure.*—The increased amount entered in column 4 for four months under New Works and Repairs has been intended to provide for important roads, drains, &c., with a view to complete them all before the close of the year. It cannot be apportioned throughout the year equally at all times.

GRANT III—*Establishment.*—The explanation given in Remark Column for the difference between columns 5 and 6 is in accordance with the form appended to the Government Order in question.

Medicines.—Rupees 685 were put for medicines, &c., for four months, of which Rupees 205 were paid already in January 1877, and we think the remainder can also be spent before the end of the year as we intend to have a large supply of medicines this year.

Sundries.—Rupees 100 will be spent for four months as we have to pay for stationery articles, &c., which were not paid for during the first eight months.

Lighting Establishment and Contingencies.—A great number of new lamps has been provided and two more lighters are engaged: hence the increase for four months.

5. With reference to paragraph 6, we see no room to reconsider the items to have a different balance with which to commence 1877-78 as presumed.

6. With reference to paragraph 7, we beg to mention that Rupees 4,700, the House-tax for 1876-77, include the large arrears of 1875-76: hence the difference between Rupees 3,500 of the Budget for 1877-78 and Rupees 4,700 of the Regular Estimate for 1876-77. Rupees 4,500 of Tolls were according to half the schedule rates hitherto. As we shall now be obliged to pay one-third share to Local Fund Board on account of Tolls from next year, the maximum schedule rates are proposed to be adopted from 1877-78 which was already explained in the Vice-President's letter of the 22nd December 1876, No. 32.

7. With reference to paragraph 8, we beg to state that, though it was explained in the Vice-President's letter that the first instalment of the sum to be paid by the toll-renter at the beginning of each official year would be available to meet current expenditure, we now, however, suggest that Rupees 1,300, out of Rupees 1,500 entered under Grant IV for feeding the poorer classes and lunatics, may be transferred to "Closing balance" as you deem proper, because the feeding of the poor is an unforeseen charge and the famine is not likely to continue during next year.

8. We regret that the transmission of the Budget to Government was unfortunately delayed. As the Budget was at first plainly prepared and signed by the Vice-President, the Budget as well as the abstract statement for the Sanitary Commissioner are duly submitted herewith.

9. We beg to request that you will have the goodness to send also the Vice-President's letter of the 22nd December 1876, No. 32, to Government, if necessary.

(Signed) ALFRED MORGAN,
on behalf of the Municipal Commissioners.
(Signed) H. RICHARDSON,
Deputy Collector for *President.*

No. 414. ORDER THEREON, 24th February 1877, No. 705.

The estimated receipts and expenditure of the Ellore Municipality for 1877-78 are compared in the subjoined abstract with the sanctioned Budget for the current year:—

RECEIPTS.

	Estimate, 1876-77.	Estimate, 1877-78.
	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward	1,200	1,230
Assignments by Government	25	25
Rates on Houses	4,740	3,500
Taxes on Vehicles	600	600
Registration of Carts	800	800
Tolls	5,310	6,000
Fees	150	150
Fines	150	150
Contribution from Local Funds	1,000	3,600
Miscellaneous	220	250
Total ...	14,195	16,305

CHARGES.

	Estimate, 1876-77.	Estimate, 1877-78.
	RS.	RS.
GRANT I.		
New Works—		
Communications	1,500	...
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	500	3,900
Repairs—		
Communications	2,600	3,000
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	300	...
Establishment	400	300
Tools and Plant		
GRANT II.		
Results Grants	650	650
Contributions to Local Funds for Educational Inspection	20	20
GRANT III.		
Hospitals and Dispensaries	1,450	1,570
Vaccination	150	150
Registration of Births and Deaths	120	125
Conservancy	2,950	2,880
GRANT IV.		
Lighting	650	750
Travellers' Bungalow	100	90
Miscellaneous	...	200
GRANT V.		
Supervision and Management	1,360	1,364
Balances	1,445	1,306
Total ...	14,195	16,305

2. Under recent orders the Local Fund share of the tolls levied by the Ellore Municipal Commissioners was fixed at one third, and the Commissioners now propose to raise the rate of tolls to the maximum allowed by Schedule D. The Government resolve to accord the necessary sanction to the proposal, as the Commissioners would otherwise be compelled to curtail their expenditure further than is compatible with a due extension of the benefits of the Act. With reference to the remarks regarding provision for feeding the poor, the Government observe that feeding the poor is not a legitimate object of Municipal expenditure; where the distress is of such a nature that private charity is incompetent to deal with it, the Collector should address Government on the subject.

3. The Government note that although only half the amount of the estimate for the erection of the Dispensary is provided in the Budget, the full amount to be contributed by the Local Fund Board for the purpose is to be credited to the Municipality in 1877-78. The wisdom of this course is questionable.

4. The Vaccination establishment must be revised with reference to the new Rules.

5. Subject to the above remarks the Budget is sanctioned.

(True extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Ellore.
" Public Works Department.
" Revenue Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" Accountant-General.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" President of the Local Fund Boards, Godavery District.

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To The PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Ellore.

Sir, &c., &c., &c.,

Dated February 24th.

Rec'd 1877

G.O. [illegible] 1877, No. 706.

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