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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

G.O., No. 2966, Revenue, dated 4th December 1907.

ABSTRACT.—Sanctioning delegation of powers to the Board of Revenue, Collectors and Divisional Officers.

Order—No. 444, Educational, dated 9th June 1908.

In modification of clauses (4) and (7) of article 4 of the Public Service Notification, the Government are pleased to empower Collectors of districts to sanction the employment of unpassed candidates in acting and sub. *pro tem.* vacancies and in temporary posts, when the vacancy does not exceed twelve months in duration and when the acting allowance, exclusive of any local allowance, is not more than Rs. 20 per mensem, provided that *bona fide* efforts have been made without success to obtain passed candidates.

2. As regards the Handwriting and Dictation test, the Government agree with the Board of Revenue that this test is of little practical use, and accordingly direct that it be abolished. Candidates who have passed the Matriculation examination or the First Examination in Arts will not in future be required to pass this test for entrance to the public service.

3. The necessary alterations will be made in the Public Service Notification when it is next revised.

(True Extract.)

H. D. TAYLOR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
" Commissioner for Government examinations.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Superintendent of Government Museum.
" Departments of Secretariat (except Pension and Legislative).
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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 444, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
9TH JUNE 1908.

[SUBJECT.—*Delegation of powers.*]

From the Revenue Department, dated 4th December 1907, No. 2966.

The following powers are proposed to be delegated to Collectors :—

(a) Power to employ unpassed candidates for a period of one year and for appointments carrying not more than Rs. 20 per mensem.

(b) Power to exempt Matriculates and F.As. from the Handwriting test without limit of time.

3. It is submitted that the currents may lie over pending the disposal of the general question.

C.S.—20-2-08.

K. RANGASWAMI AYYANGAR—21-2-08.

C. A. SOUTER—22-2-08.

Take up each separately.

H. D. TAYLOR—30-4-08.

(a) POWER OF COLLECTORS TO EMPLOY UNPASSED CANDIDATES.

Under clause (4) of article 4 of the Public Service notification, Collectors of districts may now sanction the employment of unpassed candidates in acting and sub. *pro tem.* vacancies and in temporary posts when the vacancy does not exceed *three months* in duration and "when the acting allowance exclusive of any local allowance is not more than Rs. 15 per mensem, provided that *bona fide* efforts have been made "without success to obtain passed candidates." Under clause (7) of article 4, Collectors may sanction the employment of unpassed candidates for a period of six months in Ganjam, Vizagapatam, the Ceded districts and the Nilgiris.

2. The Board of revenue recommend that Collectors may be given power to employ unpassed candidates for a period of one year and for appointments carrying not more than Rs. 20 per mensem.

3. It is for consideration whether the recommendation of the Board may be accepted. Hitherto all appointments on Rs. 15 and upwards had to be filled by passed candidates and Collectors had the power to employ unpassed candidates in Rs. 15 posts temporarily. Now that the salary limit has been raised from Rs. 15 to Rs. 20 (*vide* G.O., No. 226, Educational, dated 24th March 1908) Collectors can now

The proposal may be approved.

C. A. SOUTER—4-5-08.

H. D. TAYLOR—5-5-08.

Yes. I agree.

M. H[AMMICK].

appoint unpassed men permanently in posts, the salary of which is less than Rs. 20 and it seems to be desirable that they should have the power to employ unpassed candidates temporarily in twenty rupees posts also.

4. (b) *Power to exempt Matriculates and F.As. from the Handwriting test.*—Under clause (9) of article 4 of the Public Service Notification Collectors may sanction the employment of candidates who have passed the Matriculation Examination or the First Examination in Arts, but not the Handwriting and Dictation test in acting and sub. *pro tem.* vacancies and in temporary posts when the vacancy does not exceed twelve months in duration and when the acting allowance, exclusive of a local allowance, is not more than Rs. 15 per mensem.

5. The Board of Revenue now recommend that Collectors may be given power to exempt Matriculates and F.As. from the Handwriting and Dictation test without limit of time. The Board observe that they would abolish the Handwriting test altogether and that a Collector is not likely to appoint a candidate whose handwriting is illegible and is quite a competent judge of handwriting.

6. If Collectors were given power to employ unpassed men for a period of one year, it would seem desirable that they should be given power to employ Matriculates and F.As. who have not passed the Handwriting and Dictation test for a longer period than one year.

7. It is for consideration whether the Board's proposal may be accepted.

T.K.—2-5-08.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—2-5-08.

Of all tests, the Handwriting and Dictation test has always seemed to me the most useless. As for handwriting, no Collector will appoint a clerk until he has seen a specimen of the candidate's handwriting. An examination is the very worst method of finding out whether a man writes well or not. There is too much hurry for care. As for dictation, I cannot see what use there is in it. It is of the rarest occurrence that anything is dictated to a clerk, and when it is, it is under the personal supervision of the person dictating who can check as he goes along. The test may very well be abolished.

H. D. TAYLOR.

Not at all. It is the personal equation of the examiner.

G. S[TOKES].

C. A. SOUTER—4-5-08.

Yes.

I agree.

M. H[AMMICK].

M. H[AMMICK].

I would allow Collectors to exempt. If a specific exemption is insisted on it is some guarantee that an applicant is appointed only after his handwriting has undergone scrutiny. Otherwise he might be appointed on a typed application.

H. D. TAYLOR—5-5-08.

M. H[AMMICK]—8-5-08.

A draft is submitted for approval; if approved it may be sent to Revenue for acceptance.

T.K.—10-5-08.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—11-5-08.

C. A. SOUTER—11-5-08.

To the Revenue Department.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Please see notes under items 9 (a) and (b) at page 8 of the notes to G.O., No. 2966, dated 4th December 1907. It is submitted that the draft order may be accepted.

S.R.—13-5-08.

Revenue may, I submit, accept the draft. It will be seen that Educational have accepted the principle that the officer under whom a clerk is serving, is the best judge of his handwriting. Paragraph 2 of the draft would perhaps be clearer if it read "but have not passed the Handwriting and Dictation test", etc.

F. NOYCE—13-5-08.

I think the words "in acting and sub. *pro tem.* vacancies and in temporary posts" should be omitted in paragraph 2 of the draft.

2. The Board's proposal was to abolish the Handwriting test altogether. The Secretary suggested that the Collector should have power to exempt. This was not qualified by any mention of acting, sub. *pro tem.* or temporary vacancies and Mr. Taylor's remarks seem to show clearly that he contemplated *permanent* exemption. The Honourable Member agreed. Paragraph 2 of the draft should, I think, therefore read:

"The following will be substituted for clause (9), paragraph 4 of the same notification:—

(9) The officers mentioned in clauses (4) to (6) may grant temporary or permanent exemption from the Handwriting and Dictation test, provided that *bonâ fide* efforts have first been made without success to obtain qualified candidates".

A. G. CARDEW—14-5-08.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

For orders on Revenue Secretary's note. If he correctly interprets the orders of Honourable Member, it is equivalent to abolishing the test altogether. The power to exempt permanently has not been delegated even to the Board but remains in the Educational Department. Mr. Cardew's proposal goes much further than the notes as it delegates to Divisional officers even the power which it was proposed to give only to Collectors.

C. A. SOUTER—20-5-08.

If my Honourable Colleague agrees I have no objection to accepting Mr. Cardew's draft. I have no faith in this test. It is no real guarantee of good handwriting.

M. H[AMMICK]—22-5-08.

I would accept the Board's proposal and abolish the test altogether. The proper place to insist on the need for good writing is the Final school examination and in considering that subject this matter should be kept in view.

G. S[TOKES]—25-5-08.

Very well.

A. L[AWLEY]—26-5-08.

Please revise the draft accordingly.

H. D. TAYLOR—27-5-08.

The revised draft placed below is for approval. It may be sent to the Revenue Department for acceptance.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—28-5-08.

C. A. SOUTER—29-5-08.

To the Revenue Department.

No. 444, EDUCATIONAL, 9TH JUNE 1908.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

I do not think we need object. The draft may be accepted in Revenue.

A. G. CARDEW—1-6-08.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The present draft abolishes the Handwriting test entirely, instead of leaving it to local officers to exempt as in the draft previously accepted by the Honourable Member.

H. D. TAYLOR—3-6-08.

Approved.

M. H[AMMICK]—6-6-08.

Issue.

H. D. TAYLOR—9-6-08.

[G.O., No. 444, Educational, dated 9th June 1908.]

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Delegation of powers

Sanctioning — to the Board of Revenue, Collectors and Divisional Officers.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

I

From—the President, Decentralization Committee.
Dated—the 21st September 1907.
No.—13.

II

Official Memorandum No. 1978-D/07-1, Revenue, dated 30th September 1907.

III

Reference from the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), No. 2015-G/07-2,
dated 6th November 1907.

Mr. C. J. WEIR.

With reference to Government Endorsement No. 1978-D/07-1, dated 30th September 1907, the Board begs to submit the accompanying statement containing—

(a) proposals for the delegation of powers now exercised by the Board to Collectors;

(b) proposals for the delegation of powers now exercised by Government to Collectors;

(c) proposals for the delegation of powers now exercised by Government to the Board.

2. In regard to the enlargement of the powers of Local Government, the Board begs to state that it has no suggestions to offer.

A. R. LOFTUS-TOTTENHAM,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with a statement.

ENCLOSURES.

STATEMENT containing proposals for the delegation of powers to Board and Collectors.

Subject.	Reference.	Power to be delegated.	Remarks.
<i>A.—Powers exercised by the Board to be delegated to Collectors.</i>			
1. Disposal of land..	Board's Standing Order No. 15-2 (vii).	Power to sanction permanent assignment of land within half a mile of Railway stations after consulting the Railway Department.	The Standing Order authorises the Board to sanction permanent assignments to which the Railway Department does not object. The Collector may be allowed to exercise the power in such cases.
2. Do.	Board's Standing Order No. 15-2 (xii).	Power to grant leases for padugai lands, lankas and river accretions, for a period not exceeding three years, with the concurrence of the Superintending Engineer.	The limit at present is one year. It may be extended to three years, subject to the concurrence of the Superintending Engineer in each case.
3. Disposal of land no longer required for public purposes for which it was acquired.	Board's Standing Order No. 90, 30 (v).	Power to dispose of such land by assignment to the original owners or by sale to the neighbouring landholders.	The Board recommends that Collectors may be authorized to reassign land which was agricultural or pastoral at the time of acquisition to the original owners or their heirs on their paying the compensation originally granted minus the 1½ per cent. allowed for compulsory acquisition and that in all other cases the Board's sanction should be obtained as at present.
4. Resumption of village artizan inams.	Board's Standing Order No. 55 (3).	Power to resume village artizan inams falling under classes (1) and (2) for non-performance of service or alienation of the inams and to assign the assessment to the working incumbent.	....
5. Assessment of unenfranchised inams on which arrears are due.	Board's Standing Order No. 54 (3).	Power to fully assess unenfranchised inams on which arrears are due.	
6. Refunds ..	Board's Standing Order No. 189.	Power to sanction refund of over collections of quit-rent and past proceeds of inams.	Refunds may be sanctioned in the same manner as refunds of land revenue proper under Board's Standing Order No. 189.
7. Press establishment ..	Item 6 at page 20 of the Madras Treasury Manual, volume II.	Power to sanction temporary establishments for a period of three months.	
8. Process service establishment.	Board's Standing Order No. 200.	Power to sanction temporary process servers under Act VIII of 1865, III of 1895, III of 1869 and Regulation IX of 1822.	The Collectors' proposals are at present approved by the Board and submitted for the confirmation of Government through the High Court, as the cost of the establishment is debitable to "19-A. Law and Justice." Collectors may be empowered to sanction temporary hands if the High Court has no objection to the adoption of this course.
9. Lien on permanent appointment.	Board's Standing Order No. 131-8.	Power to grant lien on permanent appointments for a period not exceeding one year to subordinates whose services are lent to other departments.	....
X 9 (a). Exemption from general educational tests.	Board's Standing Order No. 127.	Power to employ unpassed candidates for a period of one year and for appointments carrying not more than Rs. 20 per mensem.	The Board can now sanction temporary exemptions without limit of time or salary and Collectors can exempt unpassed men for six months in some districts and for three months in others in respect of appointments carrying a pay of Rs. 15 per mensem and less; Collectors may be empowered to sanction such exemptions up to a limit of one or even two years in all districts and in respect of appointments carrying a pay of Rs. 15 and less. Returns of such exemptions should be submitted to Board annually.
9 (b) Do.	....	Power to exempt Matriculates and F.As. from the Hand-writing Test without limit of time.	The Board would abolish the Hand-writing Test altogether. A Collector is not likely to appoint a candidate whose hand writing is illegible, and is quite a competent judge of hand-writing.
10. Apportionment peshkash.	of Section 46 of Act II of 1864. Section 2 of Act I of 1876.	Power to sanction apportionment of peshkash on sub-divisions of proprietary estates.	The Board's sanction is required for the apportionment under section 46 of Act II of 1864 and section 2 of Act I of 1876. Mr. Meyer made a similar proposal and the Government approved it, with the remark that effect could be given to it when the amendment of Act II of 1864 was taken up—G.O., No. 138, dated 6th August 1898.

Statement containing proposals for the delegation of powers to Board and Collectors—cont.

Subject.	Reference.	Power to be delegated.	Remarks.
<i>A.—Powers exercised by the Board to be delegated to Collectors—cont.</i>			
11. Escheats	Board's Standing Order No. 197-4.	Power to dispose of cases of escheats of real property when the value does not exceed Rs. 100.	In 1898 the Government vetoed Mr. Meyer's proposal to authorise Collectors to deal with escheats of real property not exceeding Rs. 100 in value on the ground that escheats sometimes lead to suits, and that the power should be in the hands of the Board—G.O., No. 438, dated 6th August 1898. The Board would request a reconsideration of the order.
12. Petty construction and repair.	Board's Standing Order No. 83-2 2-A.	Power to sanction petty construction and repairs without reference to any previous lists definitely laid down.	At present a list of works is prepared by the Collector checked by the Public Works Department and finally approved by the Board. The Collectors may be empowered to sanction petty construction and repairs in consultation with the Public Works Department.
13. Stationery	G.O., No. 539, Revenue, dated 10th June 1905.	Power to sanction the supply of cyclostyle machines to all subordinate offices.	Collectors may be authorized to indent on the Superintendent of Stationery direct for cyclostyle machines for use in such of the offices as have not been hitherto supplied with such machines. In cases of renewal and additional supply the previous sanction of the Board should be obtained.
14. Belts and badges ..	Item 79 of Appendix F to the Madras Treasury Manual, Volume II.	Power to sanction the renewal of cloth belts within two years and of gold laced belts within four years, and all renewal of badges.	
15. Office expenses ..	<i>Ibid</i> item 23	Power to sanction cleaning charges.	
16. Do.	<i>Ibid</i> item 4 on page 24 of Appendix C.	Power to sanction rent for office accommodation for all officers including Stationary Sub-Magistrates.	This power may be delegated to Collectors provided that the budget allotment is not exceeded, and that the rent sanctioned does not exceed Rs. 20 in any one instance.
17. Yeomials and State pensions.	Board's Standing Order No. 66-3.	Power to exempt pensioners other than gosha women from personal attendance.	
18. Do.	Article 919 of the Civil Service Regulations.	Power to sanction pensions and gratuities to inferior servants subject to the restrictions to which the Board's power is now subject.	
19. Pound fund	Article 104, Special Funds Code.	Power to write off all irrecoverable items of pound fines and fees up to any amount.	District Magistrates are at present empowered to write off irrecoverable items up to a limit of one rupee, the Board's sanction being obtained when the amount exceeds this limit. The power may be delegated to the Collectors in all cases.
20. Assignment of waste lands commanded by large irrigation projects.	Board's Standing Order No. 15-2 (xv).	Power to publish notifications regarding the conditional assignment of waste lands commanded by large irrigation projects.	Notifications regarding conditional assignment are at present sent up for the approval of the Board. Collectors may well issue the notifications themselves in a standard form to be prescribed by the Board.
21. House sites	Board's Standing Order No. 21-14 (3).	Power to assign house-sites to <i>bond fide</i> ryots on the skirts of towns where large areas of vacant land are available.	
<i>B.—Powers exercised by Government to be delegated to Collectors.</i>			
22. Irrecoverable arrears ..	....	Power to write off irrecoverable arrears of land revenue of the following descriptions:— (1) Amount erroneously included in demand. (2) Amount wrongly shown on lands taken up for Public Works. (3) Remission after jamabandi. (4) Prohibitory and other assessments first levied and subsequently remitted. (5) Demands undischarged after the sale of all property.	Quarterly returns of irrecoverable arrears are now submitted to Government for sanction; Government have approved a suggestion to delegate to the Board the power of writing off irrecoverable arrears and to repeal section 56 of Regulation I of 1803 (G.O., No. 438, dated 6th August 1898). Limited powers may also be delegated to Collectors who will be instructed to exhibit the amount written off as irrecoverable in their monthly demand, collection and balance statements; so that the Board may exercise the necessary supervision over the action of Collectors.
23. Type-writing machines.	G.O., No. 270, Financial, dated 6th April 1904.	Power to sanction the purchase of type-writing machines.	Under the existing orders the sanction of Government is required for the supply of type-writing machines to any office when the head of the office certifies that the scale of establishment includes the post of a type-writing clerk. The Collectors may be authorized to sanction the purchase of type-writing machines when the existing establishment provides for one or more passed typists.

Statement containing proposals for the delegation of powers to Board and Collectors—cont.

Subject.	Reference.	Power to be delegated.	Remarks.
<i>B.—Powers exercised by Government to be delegated to Collectors—cont.</i>			
24. Mines and minerals ..	Board's Standing Order No. 25-19.	Power to refuse to grant prospecting licenses under the mining rules, without reporting to Board and Government.	Such a report may have been necessary in the infancy of the mining industry—it seems no longer necessary. The party aggrieved by the Collector's refusal can appeal.
25. Pensions	Board's Standing Order No. 72-2.	Power to grant certificates under section 6 of the Pensions Act XXIII of 1871 (India) to pensioners to sue private persons for pensions.	This is not a matter of great intrinsic importance. The section of the Pensions Act quoted in column 3 contemplates the Collector, Deputy Commissioner or other authorized officer issuing certificates. The Board considers that the Collectors may be authorised by a notification to grant such certificates in future.
<i>C.—Powers exercised by Government to be delegated to the Board of Revenue.</i>			
26. Disposal of land ..	Board's Standing Orders Nos. 15-8 (iii), 17, 19 and 21 (ii).	Power to assign land without reference to darkhast rules and sale without Government sanction in special cases.	The power now vests in Government; it may be delegated to the Board.
27. Do.	Board's Standing Order No. 15-2 (xv).	Power to sanction sale of land commanded by irrigation projects.	It seems unnecessary to obtain the sanction of Government for sales of land under each project, as Government have issued a general rule that waste lands commanded by irrigation projects should be sold after satisfying the requirements of the villagers.
28. Escheats	Regulation VII of 1817, section 6, and Board's Standing Order No. 197-3.	Power to dispose of cases of escheat where the value of the property does not exceed Rs. 5,000.	The present limit is Rs. 500: the Board considers that it may be raised to Rupees 5,000.
29. Mines and minerals ..	Board's Standing Order No. 25-16.	Power to grant certificates of approval to persons intending to prospect for minerals.	Certificates of approval are at present issued by Government generally after consulting the Board. The Board may be authorised to issue such certificates.
30. Suits	Board's Standing Orders Nos. 93-5 and 97-4.	Power to engage a Barrister or other legal practitioner of higher standing than a Local Government Pleader in suits to which Government is a party.	The Board can sanction the institution and defence of suits under Standing Orders Nos. 93 and 94 and can sanction fees to Pleaders in excess of the regulation fees, and any unusual law costs under Standing Order No. 97-4. The Board may also be empowered to engage lawyers other than Local Government Pleaders.
31. .. ..	....	Power to grant enhanced fees to Government Pleaders proceeding on duty outside the limits of their Sessions divisions.	This power may be delegated to the Board which is competent to sanction fees higher than the regulation fees in ordinary cases.
32. Tahsildars	Board's Standing Order No. 138 (iv).	Power to exempt persons from qualifying service for appointment as Tahsildars.	The Standing Order is based on G.O., No. 3836, dated 18th October 1893, passed soon after the power of appointing Tahsildars was delegated to the Board. This power has since been delegated to Collectors subject to the Board's sanction to an annual list. The Board now sanctions the exemption of Huzur Sarishtadars from qualifying service; the power of exempting Tahsildars may also be delegated to it.
33. .. ..	....	Power to exempt persons from the rule regarding the exercise of magisterial powers for six months before appointment as Tahsildars.	....
34. Revision of village establishments in proprietary estates.	Special Fund Code, section 4: section 7 of Act II of 1894 prescribes only the Board's sanction.	Power to sanction the revision of village establishments in proprietary estates.	Under section 7 of Act II of 1894 the Board can sanction the proposals. But it has been the practice to submit them for the sanction of Government with reference to section 4 of the Special Fund Code. The Board suggests that the Special Fund Code may be modified so as to bring it into conformity with the provision, of Act II of 1894.
35. Pensions	G.O., No. 651. Financial, dated 16th September 1890, and G.O., No. 6286, Revenue, dated 16th October 1890.	Power to sanction the retention of officers who have attained the age of 60 years.	In the Government Orders quoted in column 2 Government delegated to Collectors the power of retaining in service non-gazetted officers between the ages of 55 and 60. The Board requests that the power of retaining officers after 60 years may also be delegated to it.

Statement containing proposals for the delegation of powers to Board and Collectors—cont.

Subject.	Reference.	Power to be delegated.	Remarks.
<i>C.—Powers exercised by Government to be delegated to the Board of Revenue—cont.</i>			
36.	Board's Standing Order No. 67-1 (7).	Power to readmit claims for pension or allowance held under hereditary or permanent title within 12 years from date of last payment.	....
37.	....	Power to dispose of cases in which overpayments of pensions have to be remitted or the pensions have to be reduced on account of bad character in respect of men drawing Rs. 20 per mensem and less.	....
38. Charitable endowments.	Section 4, Regulation VII of 1817.	Power to sanction the sale of old materials of decayed buildings falling under "Charitable endowments."	....
39. Securities	Board's Standing Order No. 130-2 (i).	Power to sanction the acceptance of securities in other than the prescribed forms.	....

Order—No. 2966, Revenue, dated 4th December 1907.

Miscellaneous.

The Government are pleased to delegate to the Board of Revenue and to Collectors the extended powers detailed in

the appendix to this order. The Board of Revenue is requested to submit to Government for approval drafts of the necessary amendments to the Board's Standing Orders or other rules affected.

2. Orders will issue separately on the Board's proposal contained in items 11 and 28 of its list relating to escheats.

3. The Board's proposals in item 10 of its list relating to the apportionment of peshkash on sub-divisions of permanently-settled estates will be considered when the amendment of the Madras Act I of 1876 is next taken up.

4. The proposals made in item 24 as to report by Collectors of refusals to grant prospecting licenses under the Mining rules are approved. As regards the proposal in item No. 29 the Government consider that Collectors may be authorized to issue certificates of approval to persons intending to prospect for minerals. These proposals will be placed before the Decentralization Committee.

5. Items 7, 8, 9, 13, 14 to 16, 23 and 34 will be considered in the Financial Department; items 9-A and 9-B in the Educational Department; items 18 and 37 in the Pension Department; and items 30 and 31 in the Judicial Department.

6. The remaining proposals of the Board do not commend themselves to Government.

(True Extract.)

A. G. CARDEW,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
" Financial Department.
" Educational Department.
" Judicial Department.
" Pension Department.
" Public Department.
" Public Works Department (W.).
" Public Works Department (I.).

Forwarded to the Educational Department
(By Order.)

Registrar.

APPENDIX.

Serial number.	Power.	Authority.	By whom exercised.	To whom delegated.
1	Power to assign land within half a mile of railway stations after consulting the Railway department.	Board's Standing Order No. 15-2 (vii).	Board of Revenue.	Collectors.
2	Power to grant leases for padugai lands, lankas and river accretions for a period exceeding one year and not exceeding five years with the concurrence of the Superintending Engineer.	Board's Standing Order No. 15-2 (xii) and G.O., No. 535, dated 25th June 1901.	Board of Revenue.	Do.
3	Power to grant leases for padugai lands, lankas and river accretions for a period not exceeding ten years.	Do.	Government	Board of Revenue.
4	Power to reassign to the original owners or their heirs, on refund of the compensation originally granted minus 15 per cent., land acquired for public purposes but no longer required for those purposes.	Board's Standing Order No. 90-30 (v).	Board of Revenue.	Collectors.
5	Power to sanction refund of excess collections of quit-rent and proceeds of resumed inams subsequently restored to the inamdars.	G.O., No. 438, dated 17th May 1902.	Government	Collectors and Divisional officers.
6	Power to exempt pensioners other than gosha women from personal attendance at the treasury to receive pensions.	Board's Standing Order No. 66-3.	Board of Revenue.	Collectors.
7	Power to write off all irrecoverable items of pound fines and fees in excess of Re. 1.	Article 104, Special Fund Code.	Do.	District Magistrates.
8	Power to assign to <i>bond fide</i> ryots house-sites on the outskirts of towns where large areas of vacant land are available.	G.O., No. 207, dated 29th January 1907, and G.O., No. 1212, dated 20th May 1907.	Do.	Collectors.
9	Power to sell land commanded by irrigation projects.	Board's Standing Order No. 15-2 (xv).	Government	Board of Revenue.
10	Power to exempt persons from qualifying service for appointment as Tahsildars.	Board's Standing Order No. 138-1 (iv).	Do.	Do.
11	Power to readmit claims to lapsed pensions or allowances held under hereditary or permanent title within 12 years from date of last payment.	Rule 7 of Board's Standing Order No. 67.	Do.	Do.
12	Power to sanction petty construction and repairs without reference to the Board of Revenue.	Board's Standing Order No. 83-2.	Board of Revenue.	Collectors in consultation with the Public Works Department officers.
13	Power to sanction the acceptance of security in other than the prescribed forms.	Board's Standing Order No. 130-2 (i).	Government	Board of Revenue.
14	Power to sanction acquisition of land required for the extension of village-site involving an extent of not more than 10 acres or an expenditure of Rs. 500 in each case.	G.O., No. 351, Revenue, dated 30th March 1904.	Board of Revenue.	Collectors.
15	Power to sanction acquisition of land required for the extension of village-site not exceeding an extent of 20 acres or an expenditure of Rs. 1,000 in each case.	Do.	Government	Board of Revenue.

C.No.2955, from the Revenue Department, No.2966, dated 4-12-1907.

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F In modification of clauses (4) and (7) of Article 4 of the Public Service Notification, the Government are pleased to empower Collectors of districts to sanction the employment of unpassed candidates in acting and sub. pro tem vacancies and in temporary posts, when the vacancy does not exceed twelve months in duration and when the acting allowance, exclusive of any local allowance, is not more than Rs.20 per mensem, provided that bona fide efforts have been made without success to obtain passed candidates.

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2. As regards the Handwriting and Dictation test, the Government agree with the Board of Revenue that this test is of little practical use, and accordingly direct that it be abolished. candidates who have passed the Matriculation, ^{examination} or the First Examination in Arts will not in future be required to pass this test for entrance to ^{the} public service.

3. The necessary alterations

will

will be made in the Public Service
Notification when it is next revised.

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