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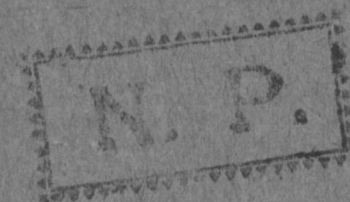
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—the following paper :—

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. A. G. BOURNE, D.Sc., F.R.S., Commissioner for Government Examinations.
To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.
Dated—Madras, the 2nd May 1908.
No.—99/1-D.

In obedience to endorsement No. 821-1, Educational, dated 4th April 1908, I have the honour to submit, for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, a draft in duplicate of the necessary amendments to the Public Service Notification.

ENCLOSURE.

Draft Notification.

PUBLIC SERVICE NOTIFICATION.

In the table showing the various offices in superior service, etc., in article 3 of the Public Service Notification under "C", Revenue Department—add the following :—

“(27) all clerks and Draftsmen of not less than one year's service in the Land Records Department.”	Revenue Draftsman's test ..	Candidates wishing to qualify only for service in the office of the Director of Land Records and the Superintendent of Land Records are not required to answer question on process No. 12 of the prescribed syllabus.”
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and “Under ‘D’, Survey Department”—substitute for (1) the following :—

“(1) all clerks and Draftsmen of not less than one year's service.”	Revenue Draftsman's test ..	
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Order—No. 506, Educational, dated 8th July 1908.

The following notification will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* :—

NOTIFICATION.

(1) In the table appended to article 3 of the Public Service notification under the heading “C. Revenue Department” the following shall be inserted :—

“(27) Clerks in the offices of the Director of Land Records and Land Records Superintendents.”	Revenue Draftsman's test ..	(a) Candidates wishing to qualify only for these posts are not required to answer questions on process No. 12 of the subjects prescribed for the test. (b) Men newly appointed to these posts will be given two years in which to pass the test. (c) The test is also open to all clerks in the Land Records Department.
“(28) Draftsmen in the office of Land Records Tahsildars.”	Do. ..	Men newly appointed will be given two years in which to pass the test.”

(2) In the table appended to the same article under the heading “D. Survey Department” the following shall be substituted for No. (1) :—

“(1) Draftsmen ..	Revenue Draftsman's test ..	(a) Men newly appointed will be given two years in which to pass the test (b) The test is also open to all clerks in the Survey Department.”
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(True Extract.)

H. D. TAYLOR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner for Government Examinations.
,, Revenue Department, with copy of notes.
Gazette.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 506, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
8TH JULY 1908.

[SUBJECT.—*Alterations in the Public Service Notification.*]

*From the Commissioner for Government Examinations, dated 2nd May 1908,
No. 99-1/D.*

In G.O., No. 900, Revenue, dated 30th March 1908, the Government approved the proposal of the Board of Revenue to substitute a departmental test called the Revenue Draftsman's test, for the examination prescribed for the draftsman class of the College of Engineering, as a qualification for draftsmen in the Survey and the Land Record Departments. In memorandum No. 821-1, Educational, dated 4th April 1908, the Commissioner for Government Examinations was requested to prepare and submit a draft of the alterations in the Public Service Notification rendered necessary by the proposal sanctioned in G.O., No. 900, Revenue, dated 30th March 1908.

2. The Commissioner for Government Examinations now submits a draft notification for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*. The draft may be approved with slight verbal alteration as shown in pencil.

3. The draft placed below is submitted for approval; if approved it may be sent to the Revenue Department for acceptance.

T.K.—14-5-08.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—14-5-08.

C. A. SOUTER—14-5-08.

To the Revenue Department.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

It was in accordance with G.O., No. 900, Revenue, dated 30th March 1908.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—18-6-08.

Records and Survey Departments should pass the Revenue Draftsman's test before promotion to or confirmation in such posts. The test is intended for and is applicable to only the following officers:—

The draftsmen in the offices of the Land Records Superintendents are now called clerks.

F. NOYCE—22-5-08.

Paragraph 7 of Mr. Marjoribanks' letter on pages 3 and 5 of the Board's Proceedings on page 5 of G.O., No. 1010, dated 9th April 1908.

G.O., No. 900, dated 30th March 1908.

The draft put up in the Educational Department is not correct. It indicates that all *clerks* and draftsmen of not less than one year's service in the Land Records and Survey Departments should pass the Revenue Draftsman's test before promotion to or confirmation in such posts. The test is intended for and is applicable to only the following officers:—

(1) Clerks in the Offices of the Director of Land Records and Land Records Superintendents.

(2) Draftsmen in the offices of Land Records Tahsildars.

(3) Draftsmen in the Survey Department. Column 1 of the proposed notification should therefore be amended.

2. No man can appear for the Revenue Draftsman's test unless he has put in a service of not less than one year as clerk or draftsman in the Survey and Land Records Departments (paragraph 2 of the appendix to G.O., No. 900, dated 30th March 1908). This necessarily means that in the first year of service and until a man has chance to appear for the examination after the first year, *i.e.*, subject to a maximum of two years, the qualification cannot be insisted on. The expression "of not less than one year's service" occurring in column 1 of the draft notification is perhaps intended to convey this idea, but it does not seem to do it. It may perhaps be omitted and the following note may be added in the remarks column:—"Men newly appointed to the posts will be given two years' time within which they should pass the test." What is really required is that men newly appointed to the posts of draftsmen should be exempted temporarily from the test until they have a chance of appearing for it, *i.e.*, after the first year of their service but within two years.

3. In paragraph 8 of his letter on page 8 of G.O., No. 1010, dated 9th April 1908, Mr. Marjoribanks suggested that clerks newly appointed in the offices of the Director of Land Records and Land Records Superintendents should be given time not exceeding the period sufficient for appearance at two examinations to pass the test. The Board supported the proposal and the Government sanctioned it. The rule therefore is that while the maximum period of exemption in the case of draftsmen is two years, it is three years in the case of clerks in the offices of the Director and Superintendents. Against clerks may be added in the remarks column the note suggested in paragraph 2 *supra* with the words "three years" substituted for two years.

4. The suggestions made above will alter the proposed notification thus—

Notification.

(1) In the table appended to article 3 of the Public Service Notification under the heading "C. Revenue Department" the following shall be inserted:—

27. Clerks in the offices of the Director of Land Records and Land Records Superintendents.	Revenue Draftsman's test	(a) Candidates wishing to qualify only for these posts are not required to answer questions on process No. 12 of the subject prescribed for the test.
		(b) Men newly appointed to these posts will be given three two years in which to pass the test.
	F. NOYCE.	(c) The test is open to all clerks in the Land Records Department.
28. Draftsmen in the office of Land Records Tahsildars.	Do.	Men newly appointed will be given two years' in which to pass the test.

(2) In the table appended to the same article under the heading "D. Survey Department" the following shall be substituted for No. 1:—

Draftsmen	Revenue Draftsman's test	(a) Men newly appointed will be given two years in which to pass the test.
	F. NOYCE.	(b) The test is open to all clerks in the Survey Department.

K.R.N.—21-5-08.

Article 3 of the Public Service notification gives a list of the appointments for which special tests are prescribed. As regards the appointments for which the draftsman's test is *necessary*, the office-note is, I submit, correct. Educational may be asked to modify the draft accordingly. The test is however *open to*, though not prescribed for, all clerks in the Survey and Land Records Departments, *e.g.*, clerks under the Land Records Tahsildars. A note may be added to the notification to this effect.

2. It is not quite clear from G.O., No. 900, Revenue, dated 30th March 1908, and the notes why the words "of not less than one year's service" were inserted. Their intention appears to have been to show that the test was not intended as a preliminary to appointment, but had to be passed as soon after appointment as possible. But their effect is to exclude a man from appearing in the first year of his service and this is, I submit, quite unnecessary. The modification suggested in the office-note may therefore, I submit, be accepted.

F. NOYCE—22-5-08.

Mr. Hatchell's letter No. 528 R., dated 2nd November 1907, said the one year rule was inserted "as men of less than one year's standing in the department cannot be expected to be well up in all the items of work." But the limit hardly

seems necessary, and will lead to questions as to whether continuous service for one year is meant or whether broken periods will suffice. I think it might be omitted, and the draft approved. But perhaps the Board may first be consulted un-officially.

A. G. CARDEW—23-5-08.

[To the Board of Revenue, Revenue Settlement, u.o.]

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE (REVENUE SETTLEMENT).

The words "of not less than one year's service" occurring in paragraph 2 of the rules for the Draftsman's test at page 7 of G.O., No. 900, Revenue, dated 30th March 1908, may be omitted for the reasons stated in the Revenue Secretary's note and also because it is desirable to admit to the examination draftsmen and clerks in the Survey or Land Records Department who may have acquired the necessary experience elsewhere than in an office.

2. It seems desirable to retain in the Public Service Notification the reference to a minimum period of service before the completion of which the test should not be obligatory. In paragraph 3 of his letter No. 528 R., dated 2nd November 1907, printed at page 4 of the Government Order quoted above, Mr. Hatchell proposed that no draftsman should be allowed to appear for the test unless he had put in at least one year's service; and Mr. Marjoribanks desired that clerks in his own and the Land Records Superintendents' offices should have two chances to enable them to pass the test. As it is now proposed to admit to the examination all clerks and draftsmen in the Survey and Land Records Departments, irrespective of their service, it would be better to exempt them by a general rule for a uniform period of two years and to leave it to the Board to grant in special cases the temporary exemption which may be necessary to give a second chance to draftsmen who have completed two years of service. The words "three years" occurring in remark (b) against item 27 in the draft notification prepared in the Revenue Secretariat may, therefore, be altered into "two years".

J. TWIGG—4-6-08.

To the Revenue Department u.o.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

The suggestion made in paragraph 1 of the Board's note may, it is submitted, be approved and the words "of not less than one year's service" occurring in paragraph 2 of the rules on page 7 of G.O., No. 900, dated 30th March 1908, may be omitted.

2. As proposed by the Board, the minimum period of service before the completion of which the test should not be obligatory may be fixed in all cases at two years, the Board being empowered to grant in special cases temporary exemption which may be necessary to give a second chance to draftsmen who have completed two years. The word "three" occurring in note (b) in the remarks column on page 2 against clerks in the offices of the Director of Land Records and Land Records Superintendents may then be altered into "two".

3. If the Board's suggestions are approved the file may be returned to Educational with the request that copies of the order and notes may be sent to this department for the issue of orders with reference to the remarks in paragraph 1 *supra*. Educational should presumably empower the Board to grant the temporary exemption referred to in paragraph 2.

K.R.N.—10-6-08.

The Board's suggestions may, I submit, be approved and Educational asked to issue the notification as amended on page 2 above. They may also be asked to empower the Board to grant temporary exemption in the special cases referred to in paragraph 2 of the Board's u.o. reply and to send us a copy of the order and notes.

F. NOYCE—11-6-08.

A. G. CARDEW—11-6-08.

To the Educational Department u.o.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The notification has been revised as suggested by the Revenue Department and a revised order is submitted for approval.

2. The Revenue Department request that the Board of Revenue may be empowered to grant in special cases temporary exemption from the Revenue Draftsman's test to draftsmen who fail to qualify within two years of their appointment. As the rules regarding the Revenue Draftsman's test now stand, the test is required only in the case of a draftsman who has completed two years' service; if such a draftsman is not qualified, the Board can, it would appear, grant him exemption for one year under clause (3) of article 5 of the Public Service Notification. If this view is accepted, there will be no necessity to specially empower the Board to sanction temporary exemption from the Revenue Draftsman's test, as has been suggested.

T.K.—27-6-08.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—27-6-08.

If Revenue agree the draft may issue.

C. A. SOUTER—29-6-08.

To the Revenue Department for acceptance.

H. D. TAYLOR—30-6-08.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

The draft may, it is submitted, be accepted. On receipt of the copy of the Government Order and notes, the necessary action with reference to the portion marked A on page 3 and B *supra* will be taken in this department. Perhaps the word "also" may be added after "The test is" in clause (c) of

Not necessary.

F. NOYCE—3-7-08.

(1) and (b) of 2 in the 3rd column of the draft.

K.R.N.—2-7-08.

Accepted in Revenue.

F. NOYCE—3-7-08.

To the Educational Department u.o.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

For approval.

H. D. TAYLOR—4-7-08.

M. H[AMMICK]—7-7-08.

Issue.

Note for revision of Public Service Notification.

H. D. TAYLOR—8-7-08

[G.O., No. 506, Educational, dated 8th July 1908.]

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

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Submitting a draft in duplicate of the necessary amendments to the Public Service Notification for approval and publication in the Fort Saint George Gazette.

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Station *Madras*, Dated the *2nd May* 1908.From (Name) *The Honble Mr. A. G. Bourne, D. Secy. G. O.*(Designation) *Commissioner for Government Examinations.*To the Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Educational Department.

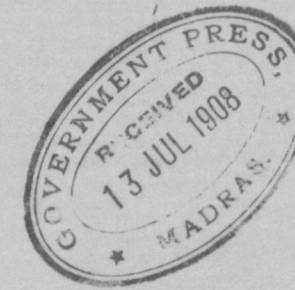
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Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

A. G. Bourne
Commissioner.

C.No.1063, from the Commissioner for Govt. Examns., No.99-1 D., d/2-5-08.

ORDER:
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