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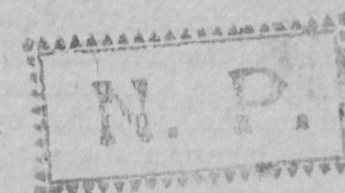
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

I

Letter—from C. A. SOUTER, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras, Educational Department.
To—the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Educational Department.
Dated—Ootacamund, the 20th May 1908.
No.—1177-1, Educational.

I am directed to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor, you will be so good as to inform this Government whether the School Final examination of the Bombay Presidency is accepted as qualifying for admission to the public service in that Presidency and, if it is, whether there is any limit of salary up to which a candidate who is qualified by that test can rise in the service.

II

Letter—from R. E. ENTHOVEN, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Educational Department.
To—the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Educational Department.
Dated—Bombay Castle, the 29th June 1908.
No.—1777.

In reply to your letter No. 1177-1, dated the 20th ultimo, I am directed to say that the School Final examination held in this Presidency is one of the examinations qualifying for admission to the lower grades of the public service and that there is no limit of salary up to which a candidate who is qualified by that test can rise in the service provided he passes the departmental examinations.

Order—No. 524, Educational, dated 11th July 1908.

The Governor in Council is pleased to direct that the School Final Examination held in the Bombay Presidency shall in future be accepted as equivalent to the Upper Secondary examination or the Matriculation examination of the Madras University for the purposes of Article 1 of the Public Service notification.

2. 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 all Departments of the Secretariat.
 „ the Commissioner for Government Examinations.
 Editors' Table (order only).

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 524, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED 11TH JULY 1908.

[SUBJECT.—*Whether the Bombay School Final examination may be recognised as equivalent to the Madras Upper Secondary examination.*]

In his letter No. 3260, dated 18th October 1907, printed in G.O., No. 846, Educational, dated 19th December 1907, the Collector of Bellary (Mr. Graham) enquired whether the Matriculation examination of the Bombay University and the Bombay School Final examination might not be taken as equivalent to the Madras Upper Secondary examination.

2. It was then pointed out that the Entrance (Matriculation) examination of the Bombay University was not recognized as equivalent to either the Madras Upper Secondary examination or the Matriculation examination—*vide* note (1) to article 1 of the Public Service Notification; and the question whether the School Final examination of Bombay might be accepted as equivalent to the Madras Upper Secondary Examination was referred to the Director of Public Instruction for his remarks.

3. Dr. Bourne in his note, dated 15th December 1907, observed:—
 Page 2 of K.W. G.O., No. 846, dated 19th December 1907.

“If the Bombay Government accept their own School Final, I should certainly advocate Madras accepting it for the few Bombay men they want.”

Page 3 *ibid.*

4. The Secretary (Mr. Taylor) under date 18th December 1907 noted:—

“As to the general question of the acceptance of the Bombay Matriculation and Bombay School Final examination for employment in posts in this Presidency, it has already been decided not to accept the Matriculation examination of the Bombay University—but the School Final examination of Bombay may be accepted generally as qualifying for admission to the public service in the Ceded districts, where there is a scarcity of passed candidates. The hand-writing test need not be insisted on.”

5. The Hon'ble Mr. Forbes, in his note of the same date, remarked:—
 Page 3 of K.W. G.O., No. 846, dated 19th December 1907.

“It is ridiculous to differentiate the Matriculation examination of Bombay from Madras. In any case the Matriculation Examination has now been revised at all the Universities.”

“As to the School Final, please resubmit with some further information about it.”

6. It is submitted that from the reply to a reference made to the Bombay Government in 1900, it will be seen that the Bombay School Final examination was started in 1889. The rules and regulations connected with the examination are published in the *Bombay Gazette*, dated 25th July 1907. A copy of the rules as published is placed below. The examination appears to be conducted by Superintendents appointed apparently by the Director of Public Instruction.

7. The qualifications for admission to the Bombay School Final examination are—

(1) that the pupil should have completed fifteen years of age on or before the 1st November, and

(2) that he should have attended a school, duly recognised by the department for two years previous to the date of the examination.

8. The subjects for this above examination are set out below side by side with those for the Madras Upper Secondary and Matriculation examinations.

Bombay School Final.

Compulsory—

1. Arithmetic (including Mensuration).

2. English.

3. The Vernacular of the candidate.

4. History of India and General Geography of the World with special reference to the British Empire.

Optional—

One of the following classical languages: Sanskrit, Arabic, Persian, Latin if that language has not been taken up under the compulsory head.

Political Economy.
Book-keeping and Commercial Correspondence.
Mathematics.
Physics.
Chemistry.
Botany.
Agriculture.
Drawing.
Manual Training.
Shorthand and Type-writing.

Candidates for the Bombay School Final must take up one of the optional subjects for examination and no candidate will be examined in more than one optional subject.

P.R.—16-5-08.

Full information in regard to the Bombay School Final examination has been called for in another connection * and the receipt of that information may be awaited. Perhaps it will be as well to enquire whether

* G.O., No. 349, Educational, dated 8th May 1908.

A { the Bombay Government accept their School Final examination as a qualification for entrance to the public service in that Presidency.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—18-5-08.

Ask as at A.

C. A. SOUTER—19-5-08.

The draft letter placed below is submitted for approval. The last portion of the draft has been put in subject to approval.

P.R.—19-5-08.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—20-5-08.

Issue.

C. A. SOUTER—20-5-08.

[Letter No. 1177-1, Educational, dated 20th May 1908.]

From the Government of Bombay, dated 29th June 1908, No. 1777.

The Government of Bombay state that the School Final examination is one of the examinations qualifying for admission to the lower grades of the public service and that there is no limit of salary up to which a candidate who is qualified by that test can rise in the service provided he passes the departmental examinations.

P.R.—6-7-08.

The question for consideration now is whether the Bombay School Final examination should not be regarded as equivalent to the Matriculation examination of the Madras University or the Madras Upper Secondary examination, as a qualification for entrance to the public service. The Government have, however, decided in G.O., No. 212, Educational, dated 20th March 1908, to withdraw the recognition of the Matriculation examination as a qualification for entrance to the public service, and the Committee which was appointed by that Government Order to report on the proposal for the institution of a School Final examination has recommended a scheme of a School Leaving Certificate. It is for consideration whether the consideration of this question may be deferred pending the issue of final orders on the Committee's proposals.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—6-7-08.

Until we know what form the School Final is to take no action seems necessary.

C. A. SOUTER—6-7-08.

I see no reason why orders should not issue at once. I think that the School Final examination of Bombay might be accepted as qualifying for admission to the public service in the Ceded districts as equivalent to the present Matriculation examination of the Madras University, or the Upper Secondary examination, or even the School Final Leaving Certificate of this Presidency when that is introduced. No general educational qualifications are now required in this Presidency for posts, the maximum salary of which is Rs. 20 or less, but in the Ceded districts there have been wholesale exemptions even in respect of posts carrying a salary of over Rs. 20.

2. Whether the School Final examination of Bombay should be allowed to qualify for appearance for Special tests now open to Matriculates and those who have passed the Upper Secondary examination is another question, but it has been generally held that exemption from the general educational test carries the right to appear for Special tests open to candidates who have not been exempted from that examination. The same principle may apply here.

K.W. G.O., No. 476, dated 27th June 1894, also docket of G.O., No. 464, dated 15th June 1908.

H. D. TAYLOR—7-7-08.

Yes. I think we may at once accept Bombay Final School examination as equivalent to our Matriculation. It will not affect us much outside the district of Bellary.

M. H[AMMICK]—8-7-08.

His Excellency the Governor—

H. D. TAYLOR—9-7-08.

I agree with the Honourable Member.

A. L[AWLEY]—9-7-08.

Draft please.

H. D. TAYLOR—9-7-08.

The draft order placed below is for approval.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—10-7-08.

C. A. SOUTER—10-7-08.

Issue.

H. D. TAYLOR—11-7-08.

[G.O., No. 524, Educational, dated 11th July 1908.]



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No. 1777 of 1908.

Educational Department.

Bombay Castle, 29th June 1908.

From

R. E. Enthoven, Esq., I.C.S.,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Educational Department.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 1177-1, dated the --
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tions qualifying for admission to the lower grades of the
public service and that there is no limit of salary up to
which a candidate who is qualified by that test can rise
in the service provided he passes the Departmental Exami-
nations.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. E. Enthoven

Acting Secretary to Government.

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