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Declining to grant to J.
Ramachandra Chiga and others,
old students of the — another
chance for passing the final exam
of the college

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To

The Secretary to Government

Educational Department
Madras.

The humble petition of S. Ramachandragopal
late student of the College of Engineering,
Madras, most respectfully sheweth:—

Your humble petitioner begs to submit
that he studied in the Engineer class for
three years-1905-1907, but had the mis-
fortune to fail in the Final Examination
of 1907 as he fell ill about the time.
Owing to Continued indifferent health,
your memorialist was not prepared for
the examination of 1908, but in September
last, he had the official intimation
that students like him who entered the
Engineer Class under the old regulations
would have an only chance in the

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in the examination of that year.
As otherwise your memorialist would
lose all the benefits of the Course, he
had to make the best he could at
such short notice and appeared
for the examination in December 1908
as an independent Candidate with
the result that although your
memorialist secured the prescribed
minimum of one-third in each of
the subjects, the total number of marks
fell short of the minimum of 50 per.
cent. It will be observed ^{from} the
statement of marks in the margin
~~shows~~ that the total number of
marks secured by your memorialist
was only 4 per cent less than the
prescribed minimum.

	max.
Maths - 266	450
Physics - 188	500
Chemistry - 285	700
Engineering - 272	600
Surveying - 221	500
Drawing - 76	150
and	}
miscellaneous	
Total 1076	2300
Total 350	700
Total 1376	3000

This, your memorialist begs to submit,
has thrown him into deep despair, and
has in a way quite upset all his
chances in life - all the money
he has spent in his engineering course
has come to nothing, and he can no
longer look to the engineering department
for a living, as old students are to be
allowed no more chances.

Your memorialist begs that, in
the above circumstances, Government
may be pleased to take his unfortunate
case into their very sympathetic
consideration, and treat him as having
qualified by the Engineer Subordinate Test
which extends over a shorter term, covers
a smaller range of subjects and is
obviously an easier test, which from the
marks your memorialist has secured,

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Le may be judged as Competent to pass.

Your memorialist may also mention that
he is a B.A. with mathematics for
his optional subject.

In this Connection, your memorialist
begs to submit that similar Concessions are
allowed in the Ph.D. Examination,
Candidates getting 50 per. cent, being declared
eligible for the first grade, while those
getting 40 per. cent are declared eligible
for the second grade. It also appears that
somewhat similar Concessions were
granted in the medical College, some of
the students appearing for the M.D. and C.M.
degree, and found unfit for that degree
being granted the L.M. and S. diploma.

your memorialist prays that
Government may be graciously pleased
to declare him as having passed the
Engineer Subordinate test, for which act
of mercy your memorialist will.

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as in duty bound ever pray.

S. Ramachandra Iyer

Madras.
17-2-1909.

Address.

2/4 A. Mathu Kalathi
Chetty Street
Triplicane
Madras.



The ~~Chief~~ Secretary to Government,
Educational Department.
Fort St. George, M A D R A S.

The humble petition of the failed students of the College of Engineering, Madras during the year of 1909.

Most respectfully Showeth,

We crave your honour's indulgence for placing the following few lines for your honour's kind consideration and favourable disposal and to request that you will be pleased to overlook our ~~false~~ faults in expressing our sentiments, arising from our aggrieved position.

We have undergone our training in the draughtsman and --
Sub Overseer classes of the College of Engineering Madras --
(during the years noted against our signatures below) and have been plucked in the Final examination conducted by the Board. we have passed the Entrance examination of the respective --
classes and have successfully gone through our collegiate --
course as may be seen from the session marks granted by the --
college for unaided work turned out by us in the College. We have secured fair marks in each of the subject prescribed for the draftsman and sub-overseer classes which clearly ~~goes~~ to show that we have not ^{been} weak in any particular subject. The Board, with its impartial eye, were not pleased to recognise our abilities as they deserve for the past years.

Owing to the introduction of new rules into the working of the College, the old failed students of the College or --
otherwise termed as, independent candidates, were given a --
final chance last year to appear for the final examinations. This restriction proved suicidal to our interest. Majority of us were unaware of this restriction until the Principal was pleased to intimate ^{to us} on the 22nd October 1908 enclosing a --

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printed copy of this ~~is~~ sudden and unforeseen an order dated 29th July 1908 to our great disappointment. we have undergone a successful training in the College in spite of hardship, labour and much pecuniary loss &c., and this restriction instead of being encouraging weighs heavily against our prospects.

we have spent our most vigorous period within the four walls of the College and we have devoted our best part of life in seeking livelihood by undergoing a technical training in the College and it is high time for us to divert our attention afresh to any other profitable course or at least to find ~~the~~ means to enable us to have a single full meal a day. Our sad case has been fully dealt with in a letter which appeared in the columns of Madras Standard dated 1st. June 1907. The questions that have been asked in it, to this day remain ~~un~~ unanswered and unnoticed by the authorities concerned.

Further, we understand from the notification which appeared in the Hindu dated 29th. January 1909 that the final examination of the college shall not be conducted by the Board of examiners from the year 1909 and that granting of the certificates lies with the principal on production of a certain number of drawings and that the Governor in Council directs the Director of Public Instruction to submit for approval of Government a draft of the alterations in the rules of the college which are rendered necessary by the above orders. Therefore, in this connection we beg to state that, we have been examined periodically by the college authorities during our course of 2 years and that we have been granted session marks for our unaided work turned out during our course in the College and that the above concession may be extended to us also and a certificate granted to us. If this is found impracticable we beg to request that we are prepared to pay the examination fees and to attend a few months course in the college for preparing necessary number of drawings according to the revised rules from which our abilities as draftsmen and sub-overseers may be

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rejudged.

Failing the above, we beg to request that your honour will be pleased to issue necessary orders, considering our pitiable circumstances and in light of justice to continue the old examination for at least 3 years more.

Lastly we may be permitted to state that the question papers of the last year were too practical and consequently difficult to be answered by the students who receive no practical training in the college and that this fact has already been brought to your honour's notice by some of us in a petition dated 22nd. December 1908.

Therefore we humbly request that our prayer may be granted or at least some measures will be taken to mitigate our aggrieved condition.

For which act of kindness and justice we shall feel ever grateful.

We beg to remain,
Most respectfully yours,

Your most obedient and humble students of
sub-overseer and draughtman classes.

- (1907 - 1908) 1. A. Lakshmana Naika S.O.S.T.
 - (1907 - 1908) 2. P. Subbarao (Draftsman class)
 - (1906, 1907 and 1908) 3. The undersigned (Draftsman class)
 - (1907 + 1908) 4. V. Subramanyam (Draftsman class)
 - (1907 + 1908) 5. S. Sankara Kausik C. (Sub-overseer)
 - (1906 + 1907) 6. V. Subramanyam (Draftsman class)
 - (1905 + 1906) 7. D. Sankara Kausik C. (Sub-overseer)
 - (1907 + 1908) 8. Sankara Kausik C. (Sub-overseer)
 - (1907 + 1908) 9. V. Subramanyam (Draftsman class)
 - (1906 and 1907) 10. R. G. Subramanyam (Draftsman class)
 - (1905 + 1906) 11. B. M. Subramanyam (Draftsman class)
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From ^{Failed}
The aggrieved Students,
of the College of Engineering.
MADRAS.

To
The Secretary to Government
Educational Department
Fort St. George, Madras.

Most Respectfully Showeth,

In continuation of our petition dated
20.2.09, we most humbly request that in case it is found not fea-
sible to grant ^{any one} of our prayers therein contained we may atleast be
granted a third class certificate of having passed the Draftsmen
and sub-Overseers' test so that we may be able to secure someem-
ployment as Draftsmen and Sub-Overseers in the service of Local
Boards or Municipalities, and P.W.D.

For this act of kindness we shall ever/f
feel grateful.

We beg to remain,

Most Respectfully Showeth,

Your most obedient and aggrieved students
of the Draftsmen and Sub-Overseer classes of
the College of Engineering,

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To

His Excellency

The Governor in Council

Fort Saint George

Madras

The humble petition of P. S. Srinivasaper
residing at Pathamadaai Tinnevely District

Most respectfully sheweth:

1 That the petitioner who was a Candidate
for the examination held for the Engineer class
by the Board of Examiners College of Engineering
Madras in Dec 1908, has failed to secure the
required Board's minimum ^{45.50%} but has got only
45% of the total marks awarded by the Board

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That, in view of the Government's noti-
fication that there are no more examinations

to be held for the failed Candidates & also
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in view of the fact that the said Government's
notification appeared in Fort St. George
Gazette so late as October last, the
petitioner prays that he may be passed
as an Engineer or at least Engineer
Subordinate; for which act of generosity
the petitioner will ever be praying

- 3 That the petitioner will be completely
ruined in the event of Government
declining to do so

I beg to remain
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

P. S. Srinivasan

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S.P. I. for remarks in Continuation
of endorsement No. 347-1
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Subject.

Submitting with remarks Government endorsements on petitions from certain failed independent candidates of the College of Engineering, M a d r a s.

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Station M a d r a s, Dated the 24 M a r c h 1909.

From (Name) The Hon'ble Mr. A. C. Bourne, D.Sc., F.R.S.C.I.E.,
(Designation) Director of Public Instruction,

To the Secretary to the Government of M a d r a s,
Educational Department

Sir,

In returning herewith the petitions referred to me for remarks with endorsements No. 347-1 Educational dated 26th February 1909, No. 398-1 Educational dated 2nd March 1909 and No. 438-1 Educational dated 4th March 1909, I have the honour to state that I have consulted the Principal, College of Engineering in the matter and I think there is some truth in the complaint that these candidates had not sufficient notice of the fact that the examination held in December last was the last chance for them. The Principal states that the order was notified in the college order book in conformity with the recognized procedure of publishing orders affecting the past and present students, that to disseminate the information as widely as possible it was notified also in three issues of the Fort Saint George Gazette in September and October, and that finally a printed copy of the college order was sent to each

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candidate who applied for the examination.

As however the students do not appear to have had notice of the order sufficiently early, I beg to recommend that at least one more chance may be allowed to them and that the examinations may be conducted under the old rules by the college staff and held in December next along with the College Examinations. If my recommendation is approved, I shall see that due publicity is given to it. It may be mentioned in this connection that had it not been for the change in the rules, the independent candidates would have been able to continue to appear for the Examinations.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. K. Dasgupta

For Director of Public Instruction.

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES.

C.No.337, Petition from S.Ramachandra Aiyar, Triplicane, dated 17-2-1909.
 " " 347 " " K.V.Doraiswami Aiyangar, & others " " 26-2-1909.
 " " 398 " " Lakshmana Nayakar & others " " 28-2-1909.
 " " 438 " " P.S. Srinivasan, Pathamadai " " 24-3-09.
 " " 657 from the Director of Public Instruction, No.1235, dated 24-3-09.

Subject.

Granting another chance to the old students of the College of Engineering to pass the final examination.

The petitioners who are students of the College of Engineering ^{and who having} joined the College under the old rules, ~~and who~~ have failed to obtain a college certificate by passing the final examination hitherto, request that they may be given the college certificate of a lower standard than what they would be entitled to if they had passed the examination, ^{or} that the examination according to the old rules might be continued for three years more.

O 2. In G.O. No.556 Educational, dated 22nd July 1908, the Government sanctioned the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction that students of the College of Engineering who had joined the college under the old rules ^{which were} in force before the 1st April 1907 ^{but who had} failed to obtain a certificate from the Board of Examiners by passing the final examination, should be given a further opportunity to pass the examination according to the standard prescribed by the old rules. They ^{Govt} accordingly authorized the holding of an examination for those students in 1908 and said that the students concerned should be

be warned that all of them should appear at that examination and that no further examination would be held.

3. The students who appeared for the special examination held last year state that they had very short notice of the decision that the examination held last year was to be the last of its kind (the notice was given to them only on the 22nd October 1908, while the examination was held in the following December) and that they were not sufficiently prepared for the examination. Two of the petitioners, who are Engineer students, request that as they obtained one-third of the marks assigned for each subject and failed only to obtain 50 per cent. of the marks awarded by the Board of Examiners, they may be declared to have passed the Engineer Subordinate Examination. The remaining petitioners, who are sub-overseer and Draftsman students, request that the examination under the old rules may be continued for three years more or that they may be granted a third class certificate of having passed the Draftsman's and Sub-Overseer's tests.

4. The Director of Public Instruction, to whom the petitions were referred for remarks, states that there is some truth in the complaint that these students had not sufficient notice of the fact that the examination held in December last was the last chance for them. The Director notes that had it not been for the change in the rules, these students would have been able to continue to appear for the examination as independent candidates for any number of years

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The request allows
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until they passed. He therefore recommends that at least one more chance may be allowed to these students, the examination being conducted under the old rules by the college staff and held in December next, along with the College examination. ^{Dr. Bourne} He states that if his recommendation is approved, he would see that due publicity is given to the matter.

5. It is for consideration whether the Director of Public Instruction's recommendation may be accepted or whether two chances, instead of one, may be given to these candidates.

6. The Director of Public Instruction does not refer to the request of the two Engineer students referred to in paragraph 3 supra, that they may be given a certificate of having passed the Engineer Subordinate Examination on the ground that they have obtained one third of the marks assigned for each of the subjects prescribed for the Engineer's examination and only failed to obtain 50 per cent. of the marks awarded by the Board of Examiners. It is for consideration whether the Director of Public Instruction may be asked to state if there is any objection to granting this request of these petitioners.

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It was the D. P. L's

suggestion that these students should be given only one chance, but it certainly was a little hard that they got ^{the} ~~the~~ warning to this effect only 2 months before

the examinations. One more chance may be given.

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I must say I see no cause whatever for any concession. The new rules were issued in March 1907 & came into force from 1st April of that year. The f.o. containing them was laid on the E. T. We may be quite sure that early in 1907 the Pet-ers knew perfectly well that the rules had been altered & that they could not appear for exam on again without a special concession. This concession they got in f.o. 22 July 1908 No. 556 So. They failed again. The plea that they had insufficient warning that it was their last chance is futile. It was their look-out to come up properly prepared whether it was their last chance or not. Besides, as I said above, they must have known the change in the rules a year & a half before. They are simply incapable & I do not see why efforts should be made to get them into the public service.

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Some. I would give no reason.
They will come up with a story
that they did not know in
1907 if we do.

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The Govt. see no sufficient reason to grant the Petitioners any further concession.

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The new rules of the College of Engineering were issued in March 1907 and came into force from the 1st April of that year. The Petitioners must therefore have known early in 1907 that the rules had been altered and that they could not appear for ^{the} examination without a special concession. This concession they got in 1908 and they failed again in the examination. The Govt. therefore see no reason whatever for ^{giving} them any further concession.

To The D.P.J. ✓
Mr R. S. Ramachandra Aiyar ✓
" A. Lakshmana Naicker ✓
" P. S. Srinivasan. ✓

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