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READ—the following papers :—

I

G.O., No. 843-A, Educational, dated 22nd December 1908.

ABSTRACT.—Empowering Special Settlement Officers to sanction the exemption from the Special tests of subordinates in their department until the publication of the results of the next examination.

II

Memorandum No. 40-A/09-2, dated 16th February 1909.

In item 12 in part B of the Appendix to its Proceedings, No. 1, dated 2nd January 1908, the Board of Revenue recommended that the power to sanction the exemption of subordinates from passing Special tests for a period of one year should be delegated to Special Settlement Officers. The delegation was accordingly sanctioned in G.O., No. 843-A, Educational, dated 22nd December 1908. The reason given by the Board of Revenue for recommending the delegation was that exemptions were frequently necessary in the case of members of Special Revenue staffs. The attention of the Board is drawn to the fact that the members of Special Revenue staffs belong to the Land Revenue not to the Settlement Department and that all questions of their appointment, promotion and punishment except in the case of fine, are decided by the Collector of the district. It would therefore appear preferable that the power to exempt members of the Special Revenue staffs from passing Special tests should also rest with the Collector. The Board is requested to offer its remarks on the point.

2. The only other test prescribed for officers of the Settlement Department in the Public Service Notification as revised up to the 22nd December 1908 is the examination prescribed for the diploma of agriculture under the notification regulating the Government Technical Examinations which is prescribed for Deputy and Assistant Commissioners and Supervisors of Revenue Settlement. The Government observe that none of the officers at present holding the posts of Assistant Commissioner or Supervisor appears to have passed the test. The Board is requested to report whether the future retention of the clause in the Public Service Notification is desirable.

(By Order.)

F. NOYCE,
Ag. Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement).

III

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Survey, Land Records and Agriculture), Mis. No. 754, dated 6th March 1909.

Read—the following paper :—

Memorandum—from Government, Revenue Department.
Dated—16th February 1909.
No.—40-A/09-2.

Resolution—Mis. No. 754, dated 6th March 1909.

With reference to the Official Memorandum read above, the Board begs to state that the power to exempt members of the Special Revenue staffs from passing Special tests might, as pointed out by Government, be vested in Collectors and that the examination prescribed for the diploma in agriculture need no longer be prescribed as a qualifying test for the posts of Assistant Commissioner and Supervisor of Revenue Settlement.

2. The Board requests that it may be supplied with a copy of the Government Order referred to in paragraph 1 of the memorandum as it has not been communicated to it.

(True Extract.)

L. D. SWAMIKANNU,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Order—No. 308, Educational, dated 21st May 1909.

In supersession of G.O., No. 843-A, Educational, dated 22nd December 1908, the Governor in Council is pleased to empower Collectors of districts to sanction the exemption from the special tests of Special Revenue Inspectors employed under Special Settlement Officers whose pay does not exceed Rs. 50 per mensem until the publication of the results of the next examination, provided that the total period of such exemption shall not exceed a year.

2. Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners and Supervisors of Revenue Settlement will not in future be required to pass the examination prescribed for the diploma in agriculture under the notification regulating the Government Technical examinations. Entries (23), (24) and (25) under "C. Revenue Department" in the table appended to article 3 of the Public Service Notification will accordingly be omitted.

3. The Commissioner for Government Examinations will be requested to submit a draft of the necessary alterations in the Public Service Notification.

(True Extract.)

L. M. WYNCH,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner for Government Examinations.
,, Revenue Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 308, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED 21st MAY 1909.

[SUBJECT.—*Exemption from the Special Tests of Special Revenue Inspectors in the Special Revenue staffs.*]

From the Educational Department, dated 22nd December 1908, No. 843-A.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

G.O., No. 843-A, Educational, dated 22nd December 1908, empowers Special Settlement officers to sanction the exemption from the Special Tests of subordinates in their department until the publication of the results of the next examination. A reference to the Public Service Notification shows that no Special Test qualifications are essential to hold appointments in the Settlement Department. The only officer in the Settlement Department, who by the Public Service Notification is required to pass any test, is "Supervisor", against whom is noted "The examination prescribed for the Diploma in Agriculture under the notification regulating the Government Technical Examinations." Paragraph (25), page 4, of Public Service Notification.

This provision does not appear to have been enforced at present in appointing men to Supervisor's places. In these circumstances the Government order under reference does not seem to have met any apparent necessity. If the proposal that necessitated this delegation of powers was made with reference to Special Revenue staff working under the orders of the Special Settlement officers, the words "in their department" do not seem to cover such cases. The file may be referred to the Educational Department for remarks.

D.A.—8-1-09.

This apparently is so. Will Educational kindly advise?

F. NOYCE—9-1-09.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

G.O., No. 843-A, Educational, dated 22nd December 1908, empowers Special Settlement officers to sanction the temporary exemption from Special Tests of subordinates "in their department." The Revenue Department points out that if the order was intended to apply to the case of the Special Revenue staff working under the orders of the Special Settlement officers, the words "in their department" do not seem to cover such cases. The force of this argument is not clear. The members of the Special Revenue staff working under the orders of the Special Settlement officers must, it is submitted, be regarded *subordinates of the Special Settlement officers in the Settlement Department* so long as that staff is so working. If this is conceded, the Government order covers the cases referred to by the Revenue Department and requires no modification.

2. If, on the other hand, it is contended that the members of the Special Revenue staff working under the orders of the Special Settlement officers are not subordinates of the Special Settlement officers in the Settlement Department, then the order may be modified thus:—

"The Government are pleased to empower Special Settlement officers to sanction the exemption from the Special Tests of the members of the Special Revenue staff employed in the Settlement Department, etc."

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3. The Revenue Department may be requested u.o. to state whether they accept this modification.

P.R.—21-1-09.

The Public Service Notification will also have to be modified with reference to the orders in this case.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—21-1-09.

I don't see much ambiguity in the matter. But perhaps Revenue will prefer the modification suggested above.

C. A. SOUTER—26-1-09.

To the Revenue Department.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Educational has rather missed one point which was not put as clearly as it might have been. Special Revenue staffs belong to the *Land Revenue* not the Settlement Department, though they are placed under the control of the Special Settlement officer. All questions of appointment, promotion and punishment (except in the matter of fines, and even then statements are sent to the Collector) are decided by the Collector. The members of the special staff are members of the ordinary district staff. I do not understand why the Board proposed that power to exempt from passing Special Tests for a period of one year should be given to Special Settlement officers. The question of qualifications for special staff appointments is one

L. M. WYNCH—29-1-09. | for the Collector and power to exempt
question has now been specifically raised, | should, I submit, rest with him. As the
L. M. WYNCH. | report. It may also be asked to report
if there is any necessity to treat the
clause in the Public Service Notifica-

tion prescribing the examination for the Diploma of Agriculture under the notification regulating the Government Technical Examinations as a test for Deputy and Assistant Commissioners of Settlement and Supervisors. Not one of the present Assistant Commissioners or Supervisors appears to have passed it and its inclusion in the list of tests is an anomaly which should be removed.

F. NOYCE—27-1-09.

Please draft reference to the Board accordingly.

L. M. WYNCH—29-1-09.

A draft official memorandum is submitted.

D.A.—3-2-09.

Issue.

F. NOYCE—15-2-09.

[Official Memorandum No. 40-A/09-2, dated 16th February 1909.]

From the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement), Mis. No. 754, dated 6th March 1909.

The Board now agrees with Government in their views expressed in Official Memorandum No. 40-A/09-2, dated 16th February 1909, and states that the power to exempt members of the Special Revenue staffs from passing Special Tests might be vested in Collectors and that the examination prescribed for the Diploma in Agriculture need no longer be prescribed as a qualifying test for the post of Assistant Commissioner and Supervisor of Revenue Settlement.

2. The G.O., No. 843-A, Educational, dated 22nd December 1908, copy of which the Board requests to be supplied with, is the one from which the present correspondence has arisen and need not be communicated in the present stage.

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3. The Educational Department may, it is submitted, be asked u.o. to consider the points now raised by this department.

D.A.—10-3-09.

The Educational Department may, I submit, be asked to issue orders accordingly.

F. NOYCE—11-3-09.

When I passed the note of 21st December 1908 (in G.O., No. 843-A, Educational, dated 22nd December 1908), my attention was not drawn to the fact that on the notes therein referred to read in G.O., No. 1782, Revenue, dated 29th June 1908, a Government order had been passed in April (G.O. No. 294, dated 22nd April 1908). What seems now to be required is to cancel the Government Order of 22nd December 1908, in the Educational Department, and amend the notification by striking out the words Special Settlement officers in paragraph 5 (3)

I.e., in the case of Revenue Inspectors not Deputy Tahsildars. | on page 8 and inserting a clause (c) under
4 (4) enabling Collectors to exempt in
the case of special staff appointments
when the pay does not exceed Rs. 50.

F. NOYCE—13-3-09.

L. M. WYNCH—13-3-09.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The Revenue Department request—

(1) that G.O., No. 843-A, Educational, dated 22nd December 1908, empowering Special Settlement officers to sanction the temporary exemption from the Special Tests of subordinates in their department may be cancelled;

(2) that the words "the Special Settlement officers" in line 2 of clause (3) of paragraph 5 of the Public Service Notification may be struck out; and

(3) that the Collector may be empowered to sanction the temporary exemption from Special Tests of the members of the Special Settlement staff, when their pay does not exceed Rs. 50 per mensem.

2. It is, however, observed that no appointments are shown as Special Settlement staff appointments under "C. Revenue Department" (pages 3 and 4 of the Public Service Notification) in the table appended to paragraph 3 of the Public Service Notification. The Revenue Department may be asked to specify the Special Settlement appointments referred to and the

C. A. SOUTER.

Special Tests, if any, prescribed for them.

3. In paragraph 1 of the Revenue Department office-note on page 2 *supra*, it is stated "that the examination prescribed for the Diploma in Agriculture need no longer be prescribed as a qualifying test for the post of Assistant Commissioner and Supervisor of Revenue Settlement". No orders have been passed by the Revenue Secretary on this point in his note dated 13th March 1909. The Revenue Department may be asked to state whether it is the intention that the provision in article 3 of the Public Service Notification prescribing the Diploma in Agriculture as a qualifying test for the posts of Assistant Commissioner and Supervisor of Revenue Settlement should be deleted.

T.K.—29-3-09.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—30-3-09.

C. A. SOUTER—31-3-09.

To the Revenue Department.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Please see notes of the Educational Department above.

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Educational Department office-note it is submitted that the Educational Department may be told that the appointments referred to therein are not Settlement appointments. The Special Revenue staff, as

it is correctly called, consists of Revenue Inspectors and Deputy Tahsildars and the Special Tests prescribed for Deputy Tahsildars and Revenue Inspectors in clauses 11 and 13 under C. Revenue Department at page 3 of the Public Service Notification, apply to these cases also. The members of this special staff are placed under the control of the Special Settlement officer who is a Special Assistant to the Collector of the district. The Educational Department may also be referred to Under Secretary's notes, dated 27th January 1909, on page 2 *supra*.

3. The Educational Department may also, it is submitted, be informed that it

F. NOYCE—7-4-09.

was the intention of this department that the provision in article 3 of the Public Service Notification prescribing the Diploma in Agriculture as a qualifying test for the posts of Assistant Commissioner and Supervisor of Revenue Settlement should be deleted.

D.A.—6-1-09

The above note is correct. It is power to exempt members of *Special Revenue staffs*, i.e., *Special Revenue Inspectors* whose pay does not exceed Rs. 50 per mensem that this department wishes *Collectors*, not Settlement Officers, to be given.

F. NOYCE—7-4-09.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The draft order placed below is submitted for approval. If approved it may be sent to the Revenue Department *u.o.* for acceptance.

2. It is not clear whether the examination prescribed for the Diploma in Agriculture should be retained as a qualifying test for the post of Deputy Commissioner of Revenue Settlement—*vide* item (23) under "C. Revenue Department" on page 4 of the Public Service Notification—*cf.* also the last portion of the Revenue Under Secretary's note, dated 27th January 1909, on page 2 *supra*.

P.R.—21-4-09.

T. KANAKASUNDARAM PILLAI—22-4-09.

Does the draft carry out Revenue's wishes?

C. A. SOUTER—23-4-09.

To the Revenue Department.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Paragraph 1 of the draft order empowers Collectors to exempt Special Revenue Inspectors employed under Special Settlement officers on a pay not exceeding Rs. 50 from the Special tests until the publication of the results of the next examination and is in accordance with the recommendation of this department.

2. As regards paragraph 2 of the draft order, it is submitted that there appears to be no reason why the examination prescribed for the Diploma in Agriculture should be prescribed for Deputy Commissioners of Revenue Settlement. Though mention was made of Deputy Commissioners in the official Memorandum sent to the Board, no mention was made of them in the subsequent notes as all the posts of the Deputy Commissioners are vacant. The Government of India have since been addressed on the subject of the abolition of the Deputy Commissionerships—*please* see papers in the file linked below. In any case, it seems expedient that Deputy Commissioners should not also be required to pass the examination prescribed for the Diploma in Agriculture—Paragraph 2 of the draft order may accordingly be amended as follows:—

"2. Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners and Supervisors of Revenue Settlement will not in future be required to pass the examination prescribed for the Diploma in Agriculture under the notification regulating the Government

"Technical examinations. Entries (23), (24) and (25) under 'C. Revenue Department' in the table appended to article 3 of the Public Service Notification will accordingly be omitted."

The amendments proposed are in italics.

D.A.—28-4-09.

The draft is accepted in Revenue subject to the modifications suggested in the office-note above. It is almost certain that the posts of Deputy Commissioners of Settlement will shortly be abolished.

F. NOYCE—29-4-09.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Office—

This should have passed through the Secretary, Educational, as well as the Under Secretary. Before we approve the omission of the provision as to possessing the Agricultural diploma, we should see why that diploma was prescribed and I think the orders of both the Hon'ble Mr. Forbes and the Hon'ble Mr. Hammick should be taken.

A. BUTTERWORTH—3-5-09.

In paragraph 39 of their second resolution on the Proceedings of the Agricultural Conferences of 1893 and of 1895-1896 the Government of India stated that the Diploma in Agriculture should eventually be made compulsory in the case of certain appointments, *e.g.*, agricultural teachers at Training schools, Assistants to the Director of Agriculture, etc.

2. The Board of Revenue and the Director of Public Instruction, who were consulted in the matter, considered that the possession of the Diploma in Agriculture should be made compulsory among others for Land Record Deputy Collectors and Head Revenue Inspectors, if appointed, and also for Native Assistants to the Director of Agriculture, Agricultural Inspectors and Farm Superintendents, Supervisors, Assistant and Deputy Commissioners in the Settlement Department. This recommendation was accepted by this Government and it was decided in G.O., No. 256, Educational, dated 2nd May 1902, that the Public Service Notification should be amended so as to give effect to the above recommendation.

3. The contention of the Revenue Department is that as none of the present Assistant Commissioners or Supervisors has passed this test, its inclusion in the list of tests to be passed by them is an anomaly which should be removed. The Board of Revenue agrees with the Revenue Department in this view.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—6-5-09.

I regret Secretary did not see the papers before, but I wished to get clearly from Revenue what was wanted.

2. Apparently the orders requiring Supervisors, etc., to have a Diploma in Agriculture have been neglected. Revenue and the Board consider the test unnecessary in the case of these men and it is for the Revenue Department mainly to decide. The notes of 1901 and 1902 do not examine the question with minuteness. Mr. Marjoribanks expressed a doubt on the point (page 5, K.W. G.O., No. 477, Educational, dated 27th August 1901) but there was little detailed examination.

C. A. SOUTER—6-5-09.

2. Assistant Commissioners and Supervisors of Revenue Settlement will not

not in future be required to pass the examination prescribed for the diploma in Agriculture under the notification regulating the Govt Technical examinations. Entries ⁽²³⁾ (24) and (25) under "C. Revenue Department" in the table appended to Article 3 of the Public Service Notification will accordingly be omitted.

3. The Commissioner for Govt Examinations will be requested to submit a draft of the necessary alterations in the Public Service Notification.

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To,

The Commissioner for Govt Examinations
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