

Educational (1909) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 550

DATED 7th October, 1909

[Despatch Abstract.]

College of Engineering

Declining to comply with the request
the old students of the Draftsman and
Suboverseer class of the —, ^{who failed in the final} that they
be granted certain pass certificates.

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File No. 1735
Regd. 20-9-09

To

Mis Excellency the Hon'ble

Sir Arthur Lawley, K.C.M.G., G.C.I.E.

Governor of Madras.

Fort Saint George.



Thro' the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

May it please Your Excellency,

With reference to G.O.No.514 Educational dated 7th September 1909, declining to reconsider the decision in G.O.No. 240 Mis., Educational, dated 26th April 1909 or to permit the holding of a new examination for the benefit of the poor memorialists late students of the draughtsmen and sub-overseer classes of the College of Engineering, we most respectfully to approach Your Excellency with one or two new facts which will enable Your Excellency to grant our prayer in our memorial dated 9th July last.

2. It is not our desire to trouble Government often and of for a thing which Government is aware of but our circumstances are such that we are obliged to ask for our livelihood which entirely in Your Excellency's gift such as children ask the parents for their bread. Your Excellency is aware of the that we are reduced to such a crisis that we are unfit for calling or profession in any department public or private that is our hard fate to have been subject to the change in the rules recently namely of disallowing Lower Secondary from appearing for the examination of draughtsmen and sub-seers at any examination commencing from 1909.

3. We beg most respectfully to bring your Excellency's the fact that until 1860 fourth class draughtsmen certificates were granted to successful candidates of the lowest minor qualification and until 1896 third class certificates were granted for similar qualified students. So the order Government in G.O.No.514 Mis., dated 7th September 1909 that there is no objection to our being granted such certificates as examiners and the college authorities may con-

suitable in each case as proposed in para 3 of the Director of Public Instruction's letter would not entitle us to the same benefit derived from the 3rd. and 4th. class certificates referred to above which entitled candidates to obtain service in the P.W.D. Department whereas the certificates referred to in G.O.No.514 Mis., dated 7th. September 1909 will not entitle us to any appointment in the P.W.D.

4. Besides the question papers set for us last year particularly in the subjects "Estimating and Building Construction" were out of the syllabus and were so difficult that only a few number of candidates too did not pass for the first time but by submitting memorials to the Principal College of Engineering, President Board of Examiners and the Director of Public Instruction for revaluing their papers. Unfortunately for us having no knowledge of these memorials we kept quiet with the result that we were never taken into consideration otherwise we too ought to have passed. We therefore most humbly pray that Your Excellency may be graciously pleased to issue orders to the College authorities and the Examiners for the grant to us of the pass certificates as herein under:-

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| 1 | Students who have scored not less than 750 marks out of 1000 1st class |
| 2. | do not less than 500----do----2nd class |
| 3. | do not less than 350----do----3rd class |
| 4 | do not less than 250----do----4th class |

This concession we pray for as we have no more chances of appearing for the examination in future and our study in the college ~~will~~ till now will become practically useless and not beneficial to us in any way.

For which act of kindness we shall as in duty bound ever pray

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NOTES.

C. No. 1735 From the *J. H. Somasundara Aiyar* No., dated 15-9-1909.

SUBJECT.

Grant of ~~pass~~ certificates of lower class to old students of the College of Engineering who have not passed the final examination of the college.

Please see G.O.No.514, Edl., dated 7th September 1909, and the notes therewith.

2. In that order the Government declined to permit the holding of a fresh examination for the benefit of the old students of the College of Engineering who had failed to pass the college final examination, but authorized the grant to ~~the~~ students of such certificates as the examiners and the college authorities might consider suitable in each case.

3. In the present petition the old students of the Draughtsman and Sub-Overseer classes of the College of Engineering represent that the certificates which the Government have authorized the college authorities to grant to them in G.O.No.514, Edl., dated 7th September 1909, will not make them eligible for any appointment in the P.W.D., and *They* request that the college authorities may be authorized to grant them pass certificates as follows:--

First class certificates to those who have obtained not less than 750 marks out of 1000

Second class certificate to those who have obtained not less than 500 marks out of 1000

Third class certificate to those who have obtained not less than 350 marks out of 1000

Fourth

Fourth class certificate to those who have obtained not less than 250 marks out of 1000.

4. Under the old rules of the College of Engineering which were in force up to the 1st April 1907, passed students of the College of Engineering, *belonging to the Suboverseer & Surveyor class and the Draftsman class* were given two classes of certificates. Students of the Sub-Overseer and Surveyor class who obtained one-third of the marks assigned to each of the three subjects, namely, surveying, engineering and drawing, and one-half of the total marks awarded by the Board of Examiners and the college staff separately got a second-class certificate, while those who obtained one-third of the marks in each of the subjects, surveying, engineering and drawing, and three-fourths of the total marks got a first-class certificate. Similarly students of the draftsman class who obtained one-third of the marks assigned to each of the four subjects, namely, geometrical etc drawing, building construction and drawing, machine drawing, and estimating, and one-half of the total marks awarded by the Board of Examiners and the college staff separately got a second class certificate, while those who obtained one-third of the marks in each of the four subjects above specified and three-fourths of the total marks got a first class certificate.

5. As the petitioners are students who have not passed the ^{final} college examinations, it is apparent

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that they did not obtain even half the ^{total} number of marks assigned for the examination. Their present request therefore seems to be that those of them who had obtained seven-twentieths of the total marks (350 out of 1000) might be given a ~~third class~~ certificate ^{of having passed the examination in the Third Class,} and those who had obtained one-fourth of the total marks, ^{might be granted a Certificate of} ~~a fourth class certificate.~~ ^{having passed in the fourth class.} This is similar to the request made in the petition on page 11 of G.O.No.240, Edl., dated 26th April 1909, and referred to in para.3 of the office note on page 21 of the same order, and it seems to be inadmissible. The petitioners may therefore be informed that their request cannot be complied with.

6. The draft placed below is for approval.

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The old rules contemplated the grant of two classes of certificates to students of the College who passed the final examinations, namely, a first class or Second Class Certificate according as they obtained three-fourths or one-half of the total number of marks, in addition to getting the prescribed minimum in certain subjects. The new rules also provide for only two classes of certificates, namely, honours and pass. The petitioners' request seems to be that two more classes of certificates namely

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namely, a third ~~class~~ and a fourth class Certificate. Should now be instituted for their benefit, and should be granted to them according as they had obtained $\frac{1}{4}$ th or one-fourth of the total number $\frac{20}{20}$ of marks at the final examinations at which they last appeared. The request is on the face of it inadmissible. All that can be stated in the Certificates ~~which~~ ^{to} be granted to these 'failed' Candidates is the actual marks obtained by them in the ^{Several} Subjects in which they were examined side by side with the total number of marks assigned for each Subject. Such a certificate would show the proficiency of the holder in the Several Subjects specified and would enable the employer to choose the particular man he wants. For instance, if an employer wants a good draftsman, he can take the man who is proficient 'in drawing' irrespective of the fact that the Candidate has obtained very low marks in "Surveying" and levelling.

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See.

The prayers of these persistent Unionists seems quite inadmissible.

They have already got a considerable concession in getting any certificate at all. The petition may be rejected.

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Yes. The D.P.'s proposal to grant them "some sort of certificate saying merely that he did in the College & in the N^o Exam." is what has been approved.

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The draft below which has been approved by the Secretary, may issue.

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READ AGAIN G.O., No. 574 EdC, dated 7-9-1909.

READ ALSO:—

C. No. 1735, From the J. H. Somasundaram Aiyar, No., dated 15-9-1909.

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ORDER.
Mis.

No. 550, dated 7-10- 1909.

The petitioners will be informed that their request cannot be complied with.

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To the Petitioners.