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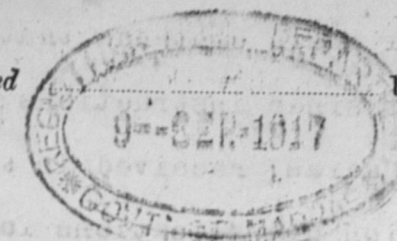
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Recommending exemption from passing the compulsory
Vernacular Test on behalf of Mr. C.A. Wilkinson, a Lecturer in the
Government Arts College, Rajahmundry.

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Station MADRAS, Dated the 6th September 1917

From (Name) The Hon'ble Mr. J.H. Stone, M.A., F.R.H.S., C.I.E.,

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Home (Education) Department.

Sir,

With reference to G.O.No.805, Home (Education), dated
16th June 1917, I have the honour to state that Mr.
C.A. Wilkinson, one of the officers therein referred to and
who is now a Lecturer in the Government Arts College,
Rajahmundry, represents to me that it would be rather hard on
him to be told now, after 22 years' service, and when he has
entered on his 50th year of age, that unless he passes in a
Vernacular by January 1918, his further promotion will be
stopped.

2. I beg to submit that instructions based on G.O.No.19

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Educational, dated 10th January 1911 were issued to the inspecting officers only, and Mr. Wilkinson, who has been on the staff of the Arts College, Rajahmundry, for a number of years contends that his attention was not drawn to this rule. But since instructions from the Secretary to the Board of Examiners, Madras, received in this office half-yearly as regards the submission of applications for the Educational Compulsory Test are being communicated to the heads of all Government institutions, among others, for the purpose of circulating them among the European and Anglo-Indian officers, of whom Mr. Wilkinson is one, he was asked to explain whether his plea of ignorance of the rules could hold good. From his reply, a copy of which is enclosed, it will be observed that he took no steps to pass the Compulsory Educational Test in a vernacular more under a misapprehension than owing to a wilful neglect of the orders on the subject. He is now too old to study for an examination in Telugu, the language of the District in which he is employed, a knowledge of which is not necessary for the discharge of his duties as a college lecturer, and I beg accordingly to recommend that he be exempted, as a special case, from passing the test in question.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

G. S. Srinivasan
for Director of Public Instruction

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Letter from Mr. C.A. Wilkinson, Lecturer, Government Arts College, Rajahmundry, dated 7th August 1917, to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, through the Principal.

Under instructions from the Principal, I have the honour to reply to the reference in your Proceedings Ref.on.C.No. 1250 of 1917, dated 28th July 1917.

In Mr Hunter's time, I was required to submit a statement of my language qualifications with necessary remarks. Therein I gave some of the facts stated in my letter under reference viz., that I had a colloquial knowledge of Tamil but that I had taken Latin as my optional language for the B.A., and that I had not passed any Vernacular Test, but Precise writing as the compulsory test when entering Government service. I pointed out also that a want of vernacular knowledge was not likely to impair the efficiency of the work I was then doing.

As I heard nothing more of the matter I naturally gathered that my explanation had been accepted and that the test would not be insisted on in my case. (I had been transferred from another department). This is why I ~~had~~ did not apply before for exemption formally.

It is true that recently instructions regarding applications to appear for the Vernacular tests were communicated to me. But I did not understand these to be in the nature of an order to appear for one of them, but rather as information for those who might be appearing. The statement in paragraph 2 of my letter of the 7th July is bona fide.

I may add that there has been no delay on my part in submitting this reply to your reference as the Principal's endorsement of the 1st instant, requiring me to do so, reached me only on the 6th - yesterday.

G. S. Srinivasan
For Director of Public Instruction

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CNo 2839A from the D.P.D., no 1250 & 6.9.17
[Subject. - Exemption of Mr C.A. Wilkinson from passing the compulsory vernacular test]

Submitted for orders.

2. The following officers have been granted exemption till now: -

- (1) Mr. H. J. Allen 51 Principal, Presidency College
- (2) Mr. N. S. Madhava 45 Suptt, School of Arts
- (3) Mr. H. B. Matthews 41 Professor, Engineering College
- (4) Mr. A. Davis 44 Principal, Law College

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The acquisition of ~~the~~ knowledge is imperative & the fact of India attack great importance to it. The plea of ignorance of me is very thin in this case,

that of needlessness of the knowledge in the discharge of duties is invalid, as it is required more to create a sympathy with the ways & thoughts of the people of the country. One precedent breeds another. In view, however, of the service & age of Mr. Wilkinson the exemption may perhaps be granted as a special case. The D.P.D. office should have more carefully watched these cases.

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What is he lecturing in?

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Submitted that he is the Chief Lecturer
in History

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The exemption may be sanctioned

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A draft order is submitted for approval

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In the circumstances explained, ~~above~~ the Govt. ~~are pleased~~
~~to exempt~~ as a special case Mr C.A.
Wilkinson, Lecturer, Govt. Arts
College, Rajahmundry, from passing
the compulsory test in a vernacular
language.

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W. J. L.

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