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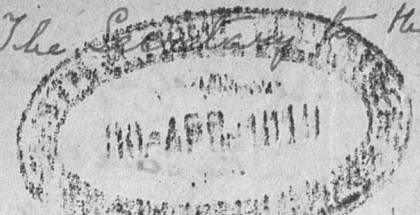
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The Secretary to the Government of Madras. V
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- Sir,
- I beg to bring to your notice the following facts which form, as it were, a long-standing grievance, affecting as it does a set of people, though in the minority, and in doing so, I am inspired with confidence as to the sympathetic consideration which it will receive at your hands.
 - You may be aware of the fact that the Senior Local Examination, University of Cambridge, is held almost all over the globe by the Home University, and the object of the Syndic of the Cambridge University in holding that examination in numerous centres and on such a Comprehensive Scale is, if I am not mistaken, to bring a high standard of Secondary Education within the easy reach of the millions of humanity, who would otherwise have to rest content with a sort of secondary education, conceived and conducted on lines which hardly fit the essential requirements of the days and as such fail of the purpose which it seemingly aims at achieving.
 - To remedy an evil of this type, a common feature of India, and to impart the best possible instruction to the Universities, the Syndic of the University of Cambridge have spared no pains in making the Senior Local Examination the very tree of knowledge, to be sought after by those who have the nerve to bear the strain which the task of getting near it entails. A peek into the syllabus governing the said examination will convince you of the high value underlying a pass in an examination with such high requirements of proficiency in so many subjects, and it may also, at the same time, bring home to your mind the ridiculously low percentage of passes, among Indian students in particular, as a result of the high standard

of efficiency which it expects of Candidates appearing for it.

4. Such being the odds against which a Candidate has to contend before securing a pass in the said examination, it is highly painful when one comes to consider the sad plight to which the fortunate few in the said examination are consigned when they come to apply their knowledge to the actualities of life. It is really a bad cut when one learns that the Government of Madras have barred the doors of their services against such of those Candidates as happened to pass the said examination from within the limits of India and Ceylon. The Home University has been kind enough to come down to India in order to popularize their examination and facilitate among all the people of this Country an acquisition of a pretty high standard of Secondary Education at a moderate cost. It is sad, indeed, to reflect that when the Home University has been generous and considerate, the local government appears to be jealous and obdurate in their attitude towards Candidates who aspire to serve them with the qualifications which the Cambridge Senior Local Examination Certificate possesses.

5. What makes one to conclude like this is the existence of a clause in the Public Service Rules, which recognize as eligible for service under the Government of Madras, such of those Candidates only as have happened to pass their examinations from outside the limits of India and Ceylon. This is nothing short of a barrier deliberately raised against the entrance of Camb Senior Certificate holders into the service of the Government. It cannot mean that students passing the examination from outside the forbidden limits acquire any additional importance, intellectual or otherwise, since the examination is the same both here in India as also in England and elsewhere. I am confident that the Government know this fully well. Why then, honored Sir, this inveterate distinction between Candidates who pass the same examination, but from different centres? A ruling

which seeks to nullify the talents of an individual because he happened to cultivate them from a particular place, is, I dare say, far from being conducive to a healthy growth of education, much less to a happy response to the call from the various departments of the Government for efficient hands for enlistment in their service.

6. In the light of the above facts, may I humbly pray that you will be so sympathetic as to destroy the unjust and artificial barrier that has been raised against holders of the Cambridge Senior Local Examination Certificate, by deciding that they are eligible for service under the Government of Madras, irrespective of the Centre at which they have been examined? In Bombay, and other Provinces too such unjust restriction is in force. I need not emphasize that a sympathetic step like the one which I appeal to you to adopt will bring relief to a set of students who have passed the said examination and yet, ^{are} kept out of service because of the said baneful ruling remaining in force.

Confessing myself as one who will be benefited by such a revised ruling, I beg to be excused for the trouble, and sincerely await your favorable orders;

I beg to remain,

Sir,

your most obedient servant.

T. A. Aranesan.

Home (Education) Department.

C. 874 B - Petition from T.A. Ganesan dated 29-4-19.
 Subject:- Requesting that a pass in the Cambridge Senior Local examination may be considered as a sufficient qualification for entering the public service, irrespective of the centre at which the examination is passed.

Under note 5(2) to article 1 of the Public Service Notification, only those candidates who pass the Cambridge Senior Local Examination outside the limits of India and Ceylon are eligible for appointment to any post in the superior service, the sanctioned pay of which is Rs. 20/- or more. The memorialist represents that the distinction between candidates who pass the examination in India and Ceylon and those who pass it outside these territories is invidious and requests that the distinction may be abolished.

2. The distinction referred to above was introduced at the instance of the Commissioner for Government Examination in 1910 when the S.S.L.C. scheme ~~was~~ came into force and the S.S.L.C. ~~was~~ ^{was} recognised as a passport for the public service. The object of the ~~restriction~~ ^{restriction} was to prevent pupils of unrecognised schools who could not obtain a secondary school-leaving certificate, from qualifying themselves for the public service by passing the Oxford or Cambridge Senior Local Examination. - If the Commissioner's letter on p. 2 of G.O.No.82 (Educational) dated 19-2-10 and the portion marked on p. 1 of the notes with that G.O.- As the amendment to article 1 of the Public Service Notification

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issued under the above G.O. came into force only in 1910 individual cases of ~~some~~ candidates who had passed the Oxford or Cambridge Senior Local Examinations in India and Ceylon prior to 1910 ^{which would be very rare may perhaps be} ~~considered~~ ^{however} There seems to be no reason ~~to~~ ^{modify} ~~cancel~~ ^{note 5(2) to art 19 of the Pub Service Regn.}

3. A draft order rejecting the petition is submitted for approval.

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The qualification desired for public service is not the academic qualification but the course of training leading up to the education. So the rule appears to be correct notwithstanding it is not adopted in other provinces

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No. 634, dated 17-5- 1919.

The Government see no reason to comply with the petitioner's request, that a pass in the Cambridge Senior Local Examination may be recognized as a qualification for entry into the public service even in cases where the examination is passed within the limits of India and Ceylon.

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To the petitioner (Q & O)

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