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Approving the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction to exclude the posts of storekeeper attached to the laboratories, of all the Government colleges from the operation of article 1 of the ----- and directing the publication of a notification in the Port Saint George Gazette making the necessary alterations in the -----

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Subject.

Requesting sanction of Government to exclude the posts of store-keeper attached to the Government Colleges from the operation of the provisions of the Public Service Notification.

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R.C. No. 1167/1919

Station Madras, Dated the 21 June 1919.

From (Name) the Hon'ble Mr. R. Littlehales, M.A.,

(Designation) Ag. Director of Public Instruction, MADRAS.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

HOME (EDUCATION) Department.

Sir,

In their order No. 794 Educational dated 19th July 1915, Government were pleased to exclude the post of store-keeper

in the Presidency College from the operation of the provisions of Article 2 of the Public Service Notification.

Since this order was issued, two posts of store-keeper have been sanctioned - one each for the Arts Colleges at Kumbakonam and Rajahmundry (vide G. O. Nos. 1540 Home-Education - dated 5th December 1917 and 1431 Home-Education - dated 9th November 1918) and it has been represented to me that these posts also should be similarly excluded from the provi-

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sions of the Public Service Notification. I beg to submit herewith copies of two letters on the subject from M. R. Ry.T.K. Hanumantha Rao Avargal, Lecturer in Chemistry, Kumbakonam College dated 1st February 1919 and R. C. No.340/18 of June 1919 and to state that the reasons urged therein are sufficient to show that what makes for success in subordinate appointments attached to chemical and physical laboratories is not the possession of a high standard of general education, but of patience, industry and actual working knowledge gained in such laboratories under proper guidance. I may here mention that the present acting Store-keeper at Kumbakonam is a Pillai (a Non-Brahman) and at Rajahmundry a Muhammadan and it is from these classes of persons that the best laboratory storekeepers are at present recruited and such persons are not usually educated up to the VI Form of a secondary school. In view of these facts, I beg to propose that the posts of store-keeper attached to the laboratories of all the Government Colleges be excluded altogether from the provisions of the Public Service Notification.

9/3. If this recommendation is accepted I shall submit for the sanction of Government a draft of the changes to be made in the Public Service Notification.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

C. V. Subramanian
for Director of Public Instruction

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Letter dated 1st February 1919 from

M. R. Ry. T. K. Hanumantha Rao Avl., Lecturer in Chemistry, Kumbakonam, to the Principal, Kumbakonam College.

I have the honour to bring to your notice the fact that the period of exemption (from passing examinations under the rules of the Public Service Notification) granted to K. R. Chinnappa Pillai the present temporary storekeeper in the Chemical Laboratory, and consequently his temporary appointment expires on the 31st March 1919 and to bring the following for your favourable consideration and action.

2. The applications that were received from (S.S.L.C.) passed men for the store-keeper's place in our Chemical Laboratory in response to our notification in the Fort Saint George Gazette were mostly from inexperienced boys who were not in my humble opinion, fit to be entrusted with the stores in our chemical laboratory many of which are poisons and some even of a dangerous character, before picking up a knowledge and experience of the various chemicals and other stores which they are to handle and look after.

3. Further, the passed men are most likely in my opinion to make this first stepping stone for entering Government service and be ever on the look out for other places involving desk work of a clerical kind, rather than stick to this place until they should gain experience enough to be of service and help in the laboratory.

4. Further, the attenders in our laboratories have ample opportunities of picking up the knowledge necessary for the storekeeper's place and if they know to read and write fairly are better fitted for the place of store-keeper than passed men fresh from school and seeking this only as a stepping stone to something more paying and less difficult than this work,

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5. If the place of store-keeper (Superior service) is made available to our laboratory attenders with the necessary knowledge and experience even though they are unpassed men in the superior service, there will be a very great chance of a better quality of men seeking even an attender's post, in the hope of ultimately getting the storekeeper's place some day or other.

6. The experience we had of Mr. Harihara Ayyar (for sometime our store-keeper) who had passed the old F.A. Examination and even a branch of the B.A. does not warrant us in looking for a "chemical store-keeper" from the passed S.S.L.C. men, but strengthen the conviction that experience and knowledge by actual work in a chemical laboratory constitute by far a greater qualification than an S.S.L.C. certificate or any other which is a passport to many other walks of life more lucrative and less irksome.

7. Further, the appointment of a gas maistry in our college on the strength of an examination certificate in preference to one of our menials who had actually done the work, the circumstances under which he had to leave us, and the loss to us, incurred by his appointment are too well known to you to require any comment from me.

8. Further, the Banadurai School incident where two lives were sacrificed in such a simple affair as the opening of a ~~tin~~ ^{tin} containing methylated spirit warn us not to rely upon examination certificates but upon practical knowledge and experience.

9. In these circumstances, I venture to suggest that application be made to the Director of Public Instruction for exempting the place of storekeeper in the chemical laboratory from the examination rules of the Public Service Notification as it is done in the case of store-keeper in the Presidency College chemical laboratory, a step which must have been taken after careful consideration of the necessities of the case.

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10. In case such an exemption is granted, I would recommend that the present incumbent K. R. Chinnappa Pillai be confirmed in the place since I am perfectly satisfied with the work he has done during his temporary tenure of work.

Letter from M. R. Ry.T. K. Anumantha Rao Avl.,
Lecturer in Chemistry, Kumbakonam College, B. C. No.340/18
to the Principal, Kumbakonam College.

With reference to the detailed information called for in the Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction B. C. No.1167/19 dated 29th April 1919 I have the honour to state as follows:-

1. On the 2nd September 1915 one Devenesan was appointed Gas maistry on Rs.12 in preference to Arulanandam who was one of our menials working in the Chemical Laboratory and who was for a few months made to learn gas making under the contractors Messrs De Laite Lighting Company. Devenesan had a knowledge of English and was able to produce certificates of literacy. Arulanandam was however given the peon's place on Rs.9 which was sanctioned at the same time.

2. Devenesan was made to prepare gas under the guidance of the mechanic attached to the laboratory. On the very first occasion on which he made gas, he said he could do the work without any help or guidance, for fear that he would be considered incompetent, and began his work. Gas was made, the mechanic was in the engine room compressing the gas, and at the close of the work at about 5 p.m. there was heard a loud explosion and on enquiry it was found that he had out of ignorance failed to break connection with the gasholder before he lifted up the ~~report~~ head and that without instructions from the mechanic under whose guidance he was required to work. As

the result of the explosion, the gas maistry and a friend whom he had brought with him for expert assistance as he said later were both thrown away to a distance of about 20 feet and found with burns all over the body and face. They were both taken by me to the local hospital and admitted as inpatients from which place they absconded without giving any information to anyone else in the hospital or the college.

3. Subsequently, Arulandam who, after the incident became afraid of the gas maistry's work was with difficulty persuaded to take up the work and had been going on making gas till recently he was reverted to his peon's place at his own request (he preferring a pensionable peon's post on Rs.9 to that of a gas maistry on Rs.12) and the present gas maistry succeeded him after an apprenticeship for over a few months in gas making.

4. As for the Banadurai incident, I am not able to give detailed information as the two people who were concerned in the incident, are both of them dead, the one within a fortnight and the other a few weeks later. The facts are these. A tin containing methylated spirit for use in the Science Department of the school was received in the school towards the close of the year 1918. The lid of the tin was soldered to its body. The headmaster or the science master (I do not know exactly) ordered the writer - a school final man - and a peon (as I was told) to have the tin opened. An attempt was made to remove the lid by mechanical means without success and a blowpipe flame from a lamp is said to have been directed against it with the result that an explosion occurred which proved fatal to the two persons mentioned above and caused severed injuries to others besides.

I hope the above information will bear out my contentions that practical experience and knowledge is more valuable than academic qualifications in employments like the one under reference.

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for Director of Public Instruction

[6.1254B]. From the D.P.I No 1167/19
21.6.19

Subject:— Exclusion of the posts of
Storekeeper in Govt colleges
from the operation of Art. 1 of the
P. S. Notification

Submitted that in the circumstances stated in para 1 of the D.P.I's letter, his proposal that the posts of Storekeeper attached to the laboratories of all the Govt colleges may be excluded from the operation of Art. 1 of the Public Service Notification may be approved.

2. A draft order is submitted for approval. It seems hardly necessary to call for a draft of the alteration to be made in the P. S. Notification. A draft notification regarding the necessary alterations is embodied in the draft order.

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The Govt. approve the proposal of the D.P.I. to exclude the posts of Stockkeeper attached to the laboratories of all the Govt. colleges from the operation of Art. 1 of the Public Service Notification

2. The following notification will be published in the Fort St. George Gazette

Notification

In column B of the table appended to Article 2 of the Public Service Notification published on

pages

pages 281 to 296 of Part I-B of the Fort St. George Gazette dated the 29th April 1919, under the head "Educational Department" for the words "Storekeepers of the Presidency College, Madras" ~~but the East Technical Institute Madras~~, substitute the following:—

"Storekeepers attached to the laboratories of all the Govt. colleges" ~~and the Govt. Technical Institute Madras~~

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To

The D.P.I.

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