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NOVEMBER.

Public Service Notification.

Approving the suggestion of the Inspector-General of Forests that the general educational qualifications required for appointments in the Forest department may be dispensed with in the case of passed students of the Imperial Forest school, Dehra Dun, and asking the Commissioner for Government Examinations to submit a draft of the necessary alterations in the —.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper :—

Reference from the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest No. 309, dated 14th September 1901.

Read—the following letter from H. C. HILL, Esq., Inspector-General of Forests to the Government of India, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Simla, 26th August 1901, No. 918 :—

I have the honour of forwarding, for consideration, a copy of a letter from the Director of the Imperial Forest school and its enclosure regarding the rules in appendix V of the Madras Forest Code, and to suggest that, if the local Government has no objection, the examinations and qualifications entered therein might be dispensed with in the case of passed students of the Imperial Forest school.

ENCLOSURES.

From the Director of the Imperial Forest School, to the Inspector-General of Forests, dated 12th August 1901, No. 52.

I have the honour to forward, for your information, a copy of letter No. 1875, dated 3rd August 1901, from the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, Madras.

It seems to me somewhat extraordinary that a student who has gained the Higher Standard certificate at the Forest school should be required also to pass the Matriculation examination of the Madras University before he can be appointed to Government service. If this is essential, I think the examination should be passed before the students are admitted to the school and that it should be made a condition of admission to the school entrance examination in the case of candidates from the Madras Presidency.

From the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, Madras, to the Director of the Imperial Forest School, dated 3rd August 1901, No. 1875.

With reference to your letter, Circular No. 343, dated 25th July 1901, I have the honour to inform you that I have already entertained, as a ranger, 6th grade, on probation, T. S. Subramania Aiyar, one of the successful private students included in your list, and to inquire if any of the students qualified by the Higher Standard certificate, and willing to serve in the Central Circle, Madras Presidency, has passed at least the Matriculation examination of the Madras University with the Handwriting test, these being necessary for entrance into public services in this presidency.

Reference—Forest No. 309, dated 14th September 1901.

The letter from the Inspector-General of Forests to the Government of India read above will be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Inspector-General suggests that, if the local Government has no objection, the general educational qualifications prescribed for appointments in the executive and protective staff of the Forest department in this presidency and published in appendix V of the Forest Code may be dispensed with in the case of passed students of the Imperial Forest school at Dehra Dun. The question of educational qualifications required of the Forest subordinates was fully dealt with by the Board in its Proceedings, Forest No. 510, dated 26th November 1897, and the conclusions then arrived at were concurred in by Government—vide G.O., No. 318, Revenue, dated 27th May 1898. The Board accordingly considers it undesirable to alter the existing rules on the subject.

3. The question concerns chiefly the private students selected under rule 12 of the rules regulating the constitution, etc., of the Forest school at Dehra Dun. These rules do not prescribe any educational qualifications except a pass in the entrance examination for admission into the school. There is no reason, however, why Conservators who have to approve of the candidates under rule 12 (iii) should not be requested to confine their nominations at least in the case of men who are desirous of qualifying themselves for Government service in this presidency to individuals who have passed the tests prescribed for admission into the public service. If Government concurs, the Board proposes to issue a circular accordingly.

A. R. CUMMING,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with the Inspector-General's letter
and enclosure in original.

ORDER—No. 651, Educational, dated 8th November 1901.

The suggestion of the Inspector-General of Forests is approved. The Commissioner for Government Examinations will submit a draft of the necessary modification in the Public Service notification.

(True Extract.)

C. J. WEIR,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.
" Commissioner for Government Examinations.

Exd. A. D. Xavier.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 651, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
8TH NOVEMBER 1901.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

*From the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Ref. For. No. 309, dated 14th
September 1901.*

To Under Secretary—

With the above, the Board of Revenue forwards for the orders of Government a letter from the Inspector-General of Forests (Mr. Hill) suggesting the desirability of dispensing with the general educational qualifications required of candidates for entrance into the subordinate forest service, Madras, in the case of passed Dehra Dun students.

2. The general educational tests required of candidates for entrance into the Madras forest service will be found in appendix V of the Madras Forest Code. It will be found that they are similar to the tests required of candidates wishing to enter the other branches of public service, and that they are based on the well-recognised general principle that a certain degree of general knowledge is essential in every branch of service. In 1897-98 the question of the educational qualification was, at the instance of the conservators, raised and fully discussed by the Board. It will be seen from the papers that the conservators were desirous of making their selection of candidates for the forest service from among graduates in view of their future promotion to fill up the ranks of extra assistant and deputy conservators for which better class of men are required. The Board, however, saw no reason to accept this *in toto* and directed that, other things being equal, preference should be given to graduates and that in other cases the usual rule should be adopted. The arguments of the Board on the subject will be found fully detailed in paragraphs 4 and 5 of R.P., No. 510, dated 26th November 1897, in G.O., No. 318, dated 27th May 1898. This was accepted by Government and the Board sees now no reason to alter its opinion. Submitted that the arguments of the Board hold good now as before, and that Government may therefore agree with the Board in considering that no alteration in the general test required is needed.

3. A case may perhaps be held to have been made out if it were suggested that the forest school entrance examination was equal in severity to the matriculation examination (the general test required of candidates in Madras). This has not been done, and from a comparison of the syllabus it seems likely that the matriculation examination is much the severer of the two.

4. The fact that the educational tests required of Madras candidates has helped them much while undergoing the school course at Dehra Dun may also be adduced in favour of the continuance of the present system. This has been recognized by the school authorities themselves as will be seen from the following extract from the resolutions of the board of control for 1900 (resolution II of the resolutions in G.O., No. 1814, dated 9th July 1900):—

“The board of control was again strongly impressed by the fact that students “are admitted to the school who possess an insufficient knowledge of English to “enable them to follow the course of lectures * * * * *. The advantage “of a good knowledge of English is proved in the case of the Madras students who “constantly obtain the highest places, and only one of whom has failed to gain a pass “certificate during the last five years.”

With this strong testimonial in favour of the Madras system it is not understood why the present Director of the school should have raised this question.

5. The difficulty complained of arises only in the case of candidates not in Government service who are selected by conservators for training in the school as stipendiaries, etc. To obviate the difficulty of a conservator's selecting an unpassed candidate for training in the school, the Board proposes issuing, with the approval of Government, to conservators a circular requiring them to confine their selection to

passed candidates. This would seem to be already provided for in the instructions of the Board in paragraphs 4 and 5 of its Proceedings, No. 510, dated 26th November 1897, but it may perhaps do no harm to remind the conservators of it.

For orders.

S. AUDISUNDARAM.
5-10-01.

Secretary—

Submitted that the Inspector-General's suggestion may be negated. The proposal in paragraph 3 of the Board's Proceedings may be approved.

E. S. LLOYD.
11-10-01.

H.M.—

The Board and the office have missed the point. Their remarks really turn on a comparison of the entrance examination to the school at Dehra Dun with the matriculation examination, which is the test for the public service in this presidency.

2. Granting that the entrance examination at Dehra Dun is easier than the matriculation examination we have to bear in mind the 2½ years' course which students undergo at Dehra. The Inspector-General's proposal applies only to students who after that course have successfully passed out of the school.

3. The subjects in which the students are instructed there during those two years will be found on pages 33—56 of the calendar (copy below). The syllabus includes mathematics up to trigonometry and statics (a matriculate requires only simple equations in algebra and euclid); a considerable acquaintance with the sciences of botany, chemistry and zoology, besides technical forestry and accounts and forest law. A successful pass in such subjects means a far better education, even from a general point of view, than a pass by the university matric.

4. Apart from these considerations it does seem anomalous, as Mr. Hill puts it, that a successfully passed student should be required to undergo further examination to qualify him for the public service, which means going back to the elementary subjects of his school days.

5. The rule will apply only to students who, not being already in the public service, have entered the school as private students either of their own motion or as nominees of conservators.

6. I think it would be preposterous to reject so fair a proposal.

G. S. FORBES.
25-10-01.

I agree.

H. M. W[INTERBOTHAM].
28-10-01.

Educational department u.o.

G. S. FORBES.
29-10-01.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Secretary—

The draft may issue.

H.M. to see—

A. T. PRINGLE.
2-11-01.

C. J. WEIR.
4-11-01.

Seen.

J. T[HOHSON].
7-11-01.

Revenue (1901) Department.

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From

The Board of Revenue,
Land Revenue,

Madras.

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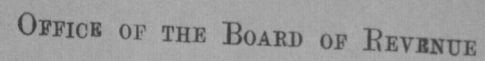
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SUBJECT.

Submitting, with remarks, to govt. letter from the Inspector-General of Forests to the Govt. of India suggesting that the general educational qualifications required for appointments in the executive and protective staff of the Forest Deptt. in the Madras presy. may be dispensed with in the case of the passed students of the Imperial Forest School, Dehra Dun.

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(Land Revenue),

Madras, 14th September 1901

The Hon'ble Mr.A. W. B. Higgins, I.C.S.

Forest Reference, No. 309, dated 14th September 1901.

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READ ALSO:—

C. No. 1494, From the Board of Rec. Land Rec^d, No. 309 Ref dated 14th Sept. 1901.

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ORDER No. 651, dated 8. 11. 1901

The suggestion of the Insp^r.
general of forests is approved.
The C. G. & B. will submit a
draft of the necessary modi-
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