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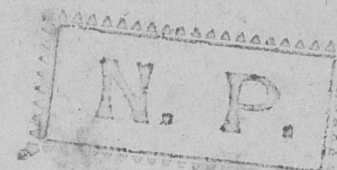
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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Read—the following papers :—

I

Petition—from M.R.Ry. T. SRINIVASARAGHAVA CHARIYAR and others of the Coimbatore district.

To—the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
[Without date.]

We, the undersigned, respectfully beg to express our heart-felt thanks for the recent Government Order on the subject of the revision of the scope and character of the Revenue Tests.

We take this opportunity of laying before you the following points for your kind consideration with the full conviction that our prayer will be heard.

(1) At present the Special Test examinations are held in October and the results are not generally announced before the month of March of the next year (*i.e.*), long after the publication of the results of the several University examinations held in December and January. Thus it will be seen that though the examination is said to be held annually the actual interval between the publication of results and the holding of the next examination is very short. We beg therefore to suggest that at least the Revenue Test examination which is a very essential test for the officials of the Revenue Department may be held twice a year and that the first examination may be held in March and the second, as usual, in October along with the other Special Tests. This arrangement will give the failures a better opportunity of meeting the examination. The above suggestion is submitted for especial consideration as the new scheme sanctioned by Government is analogous with the half-yearly examinations for Assistant and Deputy Collectors held twice a year. If this prayer is considered reasonable, we would respectfully suggest that the Handwriting Test examination now held twice a year in different months (December and May) may be held along with the Revenue Test in the months of March and October respectively as this grouping will save unnecessary labour, to say nothing of economy in point of expenditure.

(2) The above suggestion will be easily workable if only Government is pleased to see that the results of the examination are published earlier. We would therefore request that it should be ruled as in the case of University examinations that the results should be published within 30 or 40 days. The advantage of this proposal are varied and many. The clerks of the mufassal Collectorates can prepare and attend the examination before they attend to jamabandi and other important works of the year. The clerks of the Secretariat and other offices in Madras can also attend the examination before they go up to the Hills and the number of failures will be much reduced by holding two examinations in the year, while the prospects of the candidates will also be better and speedier.

(3) We also beg to submit for consideration that the present ruling requiring a fixed minimum in each subject is very high and works hard upon hard-worked public servants both in Madras and in the mufassal while there is no corresponding

advantage to candidates. We therefore beg to suggest that all the subjects may be grouped together and the candidate may be declared to have passed in the second class if he gets one-third of the aggregate number of marks, and in the first class if he gets half. If this prayer cannot be conceded we would suggest at least, as an alternative, that the papers on Revenue Regulations and Acts (with and without books) and on Board's Standing Orders (with and without books) may be considered as one division for purposes of minima and the papers on all the manuals as another division. In this case we would submit that for a second-class pass the minima be taken as one-fourth in each division and one-third on the whole, and for a first-class pass, 50 per cent. on the whole, the same 25 per cent. continuing to represent the minimum.

(4) We further beg to point out that the interval between the dates of the Revenue and Criminal Test examinations, as they are at present held, is not enough to enable a candidate to go up for both the tests at the same time and we would respectfully suggest that at least a week's interval may be allowed between the two tests, so that the candidate for the double tests may at one stretch conveniently get through them.

(5) In conclusion, we respectfully beg that Government may be pleased to show mercy to the hard-worked officials both in Madras and in the mufassal by granting the above prayers. We also beg that the altered scheme sketched on the lines indicated above may be put in force at the forthcoming tests of October 1907.

For which act of kindness and condescension, we, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

II

Endorsement No. 852-1, Educational, dated 11th April 1907.

Referred to the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) and the Commissioner for Government Examinations for remarks.

(By Order.)

C. A. SOUTER,
Assistant Secretary to Government.

III

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. T. T. LOGAN, B.A., Acting Commissioner for Government Examinations.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—Madras, the 16th May 1907.

No.—174/2-D.

With reference to Endorsement No. 852-1, Educational, dated the 11th April 1907, on a petition from T. Srinivasaraghava Chariyar and others of Coimbatore, I have the honour to submit the following remarks :—

(1) The petitioners first request that the Revenue Tests be held twice a year. I beg to point out that, if it is considered desirable in the interests of Revenue officials that these tests should be repeated in the year, there is no particular reason why the officials of other departments should not be allowed a similar concession. The Civil and Criminal Tests, the Precise-writing and Account Tests are of equal importance to the officers they concern. Hence, if one test is to be repeated, it is equally necessary that the others also should be, and this would mean holding twice in the year a set of examinations at which over 4,000 candidates appear. Such a course would impose upon my office an enormous increase of work and necessitate a duplication, or at any rate a substantial strengthening of the establishment, which is at present barely able to cope efficiently with the work of the existing examinations which are spread over the whole of the year.

Again I do not find it easy to get suitable examiners for the Special Tests. My selection is necessarily limited to the men in the various departments of Government service who are practically acquainted with the subjects prescribed, and these officials are not always willing to take up examination work presumably because they can ill-afford the time for it. It would be extremely difficult to get examiners twice in the year.

But apart from these considerations, I beg to submit that when an elaborate system of safeguards against fraud has to be adopted to push the examinations successfully through *once* in the year, it would obviously be inadvisable and unsafe to hold them a second time and thus give wider opportunities for rendering the precautions now taken futile. For these reasons I am strongly opposed to any favourable consideration of this request.

(2) It is next requested that the results of the examinations be published earlier than at present. The petitioners are incorrect in stating that they are not published before March. This year, for example, they were in the Gazette in January and February. The examinations are usually held on October 15th and following days, and examiners are required to submit their mark books by December 15th. They are thus allowed about two months for the work of valuation. In the University examinations, about a month or a little more is allowed, but the cases are not quite analogous. The examiners of the University are men connected with schools and colleges and having little to do of their legitimate work in the month of December are free to devote the greater portion of their time to examination work. Such is not the case with the Special Test examiners who can only devote to outside work of this nature the little leisure that is left to them after the performance of their daily duties. I might try the experiment of requiring the results to be submitted by the 15th November so that they may be published by the end of December, but I doubt if it will succeed.

(3) The petitioners next request that the standard of the examinations may be lowered and they suggest two alternative methods. The question of lowering the standards has been discussed from time to time and it would appear from the last Government Order on the subject that Government are not inclined to make the examination easier by holding it in divisions or reducing the minima. The Board of Revenue have twice made recommendations with this object, but these have not received the approval of Government. The matter is one which should be decided by expert opinion, but looking at it from a general point of view, I am inclined to think that, considering that these tests are of a technical nature, the requisition, in the case of tests comprising more than one subject, of a minimum in each subject and of a still higher minimum on the whole, makes the standard somewhat rigid and severe. It certainly gives rise to a number of what may be considered "hard cases" every year, when candidates fail in one subject by a few marks while they have done excellently in the other subjects. I would suggest for the consideration of Government whether, while fixing a minimum for each subject (one-third or 30 per cent.) and a minimum on the whole (40 per cent.), it may not also be provided that a candidate who fails in one subject only be permitted to pass if he obtains 45 or 50 per cent. on the whole. If Government are inclined to view this suggestion favourably, definite recommendations will be submitted. The concession should be allowed not in the case of the Revenue Tests alone but for all other tests to which it is applicable. The proposal of the petitioners that the minimum should be one-fourth in each subject and one-third on the whole can hardly be accepted. It fixes too low a standard.

(4) The petitioners finally request that a week's interval be allowed between the Revenue and Criminal Tests. I am not in favour of this being granted. If candidates are prepared to come up for both tests, which they can do under the present arrangements, they have about ten papers to answer and they ought to be able to take these without an interval, if candidates for the Matriculation and F.A. examinations can do it. Besides, it would be difficult to arrange for the conduct of an examination extending over two weeks without causing much inconvenience to the officers mostly members of the Civil Service, who are usually required to superintend these examinations and to the work of the offices to which the candidates belong and from which they have to take leave to appear for the examinations.

IV

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Mis. No. 1413,
dated 17th May 1907.

With reference to Government Endorsement No. 852-1, Educational, dated 11th April 1907, the Board begs to submit its remarks on the alterations in the rules for the conduct of Special Test examinations suggested in the petition which accompanied the endorsement. The proposals are—

- (i) to hold the Revenue Test examination twice a year in March and October;
- (ii) either to abolish the separate minimum number of marks in each subject prescribed for a "pass" and have only one minimum for all the subjects put together, one-third for a second and half for a first class; or to form the subjects into two groups, one comprising the Acts and Regulations and the Standing Orders, and the other the several manuals, and to prescribe a one-fourth minimum for each group with a one-third of the total as minimum for a second class and half for the first class;
- (iii) to announce the results within 30 or 40 days from the date of the examination;
- (iv) to allow an interval of at least one week between the dates of the Revenue and Criminal Test examinations.

2. The Board is not satisfied that there are sufficient grounds for any change in the present rules except that regarding the publication of the results (proposal iii). This is reasonable and may be given effect to if the Commissioner for Government Examinations considers it practicable.

3. As regards the first proposal, the Board observes that the Special Test examinations were formerly held in the month of May and that the date was altered to October in 1886 on the representation of the Revenue officers that the holding of the examination in any month between January and June caused inconvenience to their subordinates and obstruction to work (see G.O., No. 603, Educational, dated 18th September 1886). These objections still hold good; and a bi-annual examination would, in the Board's opinion, dislocate work in all offices and probably only result in a large number of failures, the preparation for the examination being less strenuous.

4. The second proposal to reduce the minima required for a "pass" is open to the objection that it will not secure that detailed knowledge in each subject which it is essential that successful candidates should possess. The Board does not consider the present minima excessive.

5. The fourth suggestion to allow a week's interval between the dates of Revenue and Criminal Tests is both unnecessary and undesirable.

(True Extract.)

F. B. EVANS,
Ag. Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Order—No. 399, Educational, dated 22nd June 1907.

The Commissioner for Government Examinations will be requested to arrange for the publication of the results of all the Special Test examinations not later than the 15th January in each year. Examiners should be instructed to send in their tabulated statements on or before the 1st of January, and a deduction of Rs. 10 for each day's delay should be made from the fees of the examiners who delay their reports beyond the fixed date.

2. The Government are not prepared to do away with the separate minima now required in the subjects for the Revenue Tests. Nor do they consider it desirable to comply with the other requests of the memorialists, namely, that the Revenue Test may be held twice a year and that a week's interval may be allowed between the Revenue and Criminal Test examinations.

(True Extract.)

H. D. TAYLOR,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner for Government Examinations.
" Memorialists.
" Revenue Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 399, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
22ND JUNE 1907.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

[SUBJECT.—Memorial from certain clerks of Coimbatore regarding Revenue Test Examinations.]

Previous papers.

G.O., No. 603, Educational, dated 18th September 1886.	
" " 490 " " 3rd " 1901.	
" " 80 " " 14th February 1902.	
" " 222, Revenue " 1st March "	
" " 162 Educational " 9th April 1903.	
" " 549 " " 16th August 1906.	
" " 69 " " 8th February 1907.	

From T. Srinivasaraghava Charigar and others without date.

Were the points raised by memorialists considered during the recent discussion of the Revenue Tests?

D. T. CHADWICK—22-3-07.

The memorialists have raised the following four points:—

- (i) that the Revenue Test examination may be held twice a year, once in March and once in October;
- (ii) that the results of the examination may be published earlier;
- (iii) that all the subjects for the examination may be grouped together and that the minimum for a pass in the second class be fixed at one-third of the aggregate number of marks and that for a pass in the first class at half or as an alternative the papers on Revenue Regulations and Acts and Board's Standing Orders may be considered as one division for purposes of minima and the papers on all the manuals as another division.

During which they may "cram".

C. A. SOUTER.

- (iv) that at least a week's interval may be allowed between the Revenue and Criminal Test examinations.

2. Attention is invited to notes to G.O., No. 69, Educational, dated 8th February 1907. It is submitted that the points raised in the present memorial were not considered when G.O., No. 69, Educational, dated 8th February 1907, issued.

3. The points now raised are for consideration in the Educational Department. The present memorial may be transferred to that department u.o.

C.R.V.—27-3-07.

C. RATNAVELU MUDALIYAR—28-3-07.

Please give a statement showing dates of examination and dates of publication of results and number of candidates for last six years. Is there great delay?

D. T. CHADWICK—29-3-07.

A statement showing the above information is subjoined :—

Test.	Date of examination.	Date of publication of results.	Number registered.	Number appeared.	Number passed.	Percentage to number registered.
G.Os., No. 481, Educational, dated 15th August 1902; No. 384, Educational, dated 15th August 1903; No. 520, Educational, dated 22nd August 1904; No. 569, Educational, dated 18th August 1905; No. 549, Educational, dated 16th August 1906.	Revenue, Higher and Lower, 1901.	25th and 28th October 1901.	H. 4th March 1902. 225 L. 25th February 1902. 566	171 436	54 63	24 11
	Revenue, Higher and Lower, 1902.	23rd and 25th October 1902.	24th February 1903. 240 L. 343	187 247	29 60	12 17.5
	Revenue, Higher and Lower, 1903.	22nd and 25th October 1904.	21st February 1905. 294 L. 581	235 418	48 46	16 8
	Revenue, Higher and Lower, 1904.	19th and 21st October 1905.	23rd January 1906. 294 L. 593	229 431	35 66	12 11
	Revenue, Higher and Lower, 1905.	19th and 22nd October 1906.	26th February 1907.	Not yet known.	{ H. 31 L. 93	
	Revenue, Higher and Lower, 1906.					

H. = Higher.

L. = Lower.

2. It will be observed that the usual time taken for the publication of the results is about four months. The examinations are held in the third week of October and the results are published only by the end of February of the next year.

3. For orders.

C.R.V.—4-4-07.

C. RATNAVELU MUDALIYAR—5-4-07.

Memorialists may be informed that Government cannot see its way to revise the examination in the manner requested.

D. T. CHADWICK—5-4-07.

The paper should go to Educational Department for disposal, but we should be glad to be allowed a further opportunity of offering remarks, as the question of holding Special Test examinations twice a year has arisen in another connection also.

A. G. CARDEW—6-4-07.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Submitted that the petition may be referred to the Commissioner for Government Examinations for remarks.

2. A draft is submitted for approval.

T.K.—9-4-07.

If the suggestions made by the memorialists are to be taken into consideration, it would be well to have the remarks of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) also. Submitted that a copy of the petition may be sent to the Board of Revenue also for remarks.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—10-4-07.

Yes.

C. A. SOUTER—10-4-07.

The revised draft may issue.

T.K.—10-4-07.

Issue.

C. A. SOUTER—11-4-07.

[Endt. No. 852-1, Educational, dated 11th April 1907.]

From the Commissioner for Government Examinations, No. 174/2-D., dated 16th May 1907.

Submitted that the reply from the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) may be awaited.

T.K.—21-5-07.

It would perhaps be desirable to send a copy of the Commissioner's letter to the Board of Revenue for remarks on the suggestions therein made, so that they may all be considered together.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—21-5-07.

C. A. SOUTER—22-5-07.

For the reasons given by Commissioner for Government Examinations the proposals—

(a) for holding examinations twice in the year;

(b) for lowering the standard by fixing a lower percentage of marks for a pass;

(c) for allowing an interval—so as to make the test a test of "cram" and not of practical knowledge—between the Revenue and Judicial Tests must be disallowed.

It seems possible that the results should be published earlier, if possible by 15th December in each year, or at any rate not later than January 15th.

The Commissioner for Government Examinations' suggestion at A in paragraph 3 of his letter, might be considered.

2. The file will now be remitted to Revenue u.o. for remarks after consulting the Board of Revenue if a reference is deemed desirable.

H. D. TAYLOR—22-5-07.

To the Revenue Department.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Cur. No. 1227, Educational, containing the remarks of the Board of Revenue which was since received has been added to the file.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—23-5-07.

Has a proposal similar to that at A ever been considered before?

D. T. CHADWICK—24-5-07.

Submitted that the question does not seem to have been considered before.

N.N.A.—29-5-07.

V. A. ANANTARAMAIYAR—29-5-07.

The Director of Public Instruction and the Board agree that—

(i) biennial examinations are impracticable, the chief reason being dislocation of work. There are apparently about 4,000 candidates for these examinations.

(ii) intervals between the examinations in the different subjects are undesirable as conducing to cram.

A. G. CARDEW—3-6-07.

Revenue may agree in the above.

2. The Board suggest that the dates of publication of results may be advanced. Say middle of January. That would give the examiners the Christmas holidays.

A. G. CARDEW.

The Director of Public Instruction doubts whether it can be done but is willing to try. Revenue may ask that it be attempted, viz., to publish results by the end of December.

3. The Board considers that no change should be made in the system of valuation of papers. There are four papers in Revenue, Higher. To pass, a candidate must get one-third marks on each paper and 40 per cent. on the total. The Director of Public Instruction suggests that if a candidate is short of his one-third on one paper but gets over 45 per cent. or 50 per cent. on the aggregate he may be allowed to pass. This is worthy of consideration, and I submit the opinion of the Board may be obtained. It is not known whether the Director of Public Instruction could let us know what the effect of such a rule would have been if in force last year. He may be asked.

D. T. CHADWICK—1-6-07.

The delay in the publication of the results of the Special Tests is always great, no result during the last six years having appeared within the calendar year in which the examination was held. In some cases the delay has been very great, *e.g.*, in 1902 when the Criminal Lower results were not out till 25th March, and in 1906 when the Précis results appeared only on 13th March. At present there is, I believe, no check on the dilatoriness of an examiner in the Special Tests except the Commissioner's remonstrances, whereas the University imposes a fine of Rs. 5 or Rs. 10 a day for every day beyond the fixed date. Some such method might usefully be adopted in the case of the Special Tests, so as to induce punctuality. The differences between the dates of publication of results in the same subject in successive years suggest that the amount of delay depends on the examiner. See statement appended.

G. S. F[ORBES].

A 2. The examinations should not, I think, be made easier, but perhaps they would be a better test if the total required for a pass were raised to 50 per cent. and separate minima done away with.

A. G. CARDEW—3-6-07.

STATEMENT showing dates of publication of results of Special Test examinations (October of each year) from 1900 to 1906.

Name of the examination.	Date of publication of the results in					
	1901.	1902.	1903.	1905.	1906.	1907.
Précis-writing ..	12th February..	11th February.	24th February.	21st February.	13th March ..	29th January.
Account, Higher ..	Do. ..	Do. ..	17th do.	21st do.	23rd January.	22nd do.
Account, Lower ..	Do. ..	Do. ..	24th do.	28th do.	Do. ..	22nd do.
Criminal, Higher ..	22nd January ..	4th February.	17th do.	21st do.	6th February.	19th February.
Do. Lower ..	Do. ..	25th March ..	17th do.	21st do.	Do. ..	Do. ..
Revenue, Higher ..	26th February..	4th do. ..	24th do.	21st do.	23rd January.	26th February.
Do. Lower ..	19th do. ..	25th February.	24th do.	21st do.	Do. ..	Do. ..
Translation, Higher	29th January (Languages except Tamil).	28th Jan. ..	3rd do.	21st do.	16th January.	8th January.
	19th February (Tamil).					
	29th January (except Tamil).	4th Feb. ..	10th do.	21st do.	Do. ..	Do. ..
Do. Lower	19th February (Tamil).					

NOTE.—No results were published in 1904 owing to the cancellation of the examinations of 1903.

M.S.—3-6-07.

To the Educational Department.

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With reference to the Revenue Secretary's suggestion at A it is submitted that the separate minima (33 per cent.) may still continue, as well as the total (40 per cent.) required for a pass. If the general total were raised to 50 per cent., the number of failures would probably be very great.

But where a candidate fails to obtain the minimum (33 per cent.) in one subject, he may be considered to have passed if his total reaches or exceeds 50 per cent.

2. The Commissioner for Government Examinations may be asked to endeavour to publish all results by 15th January, examiners being required to send in their tabulated statement on or before January 1st in each year subject to a fine of Rs. 10 for each day's delay.

3. There seems to be no reasons for complying with the other requests of the G. S. F[ORBES]. memorialists, who may be informed accordingly.

H. D. TAYLOR—5-6-07.

I am not in favour of doing away with separate minima. The examinations having a practical end in view and not being a mere test of general capacity we should insist on separate minima as now.

I agree in Mr. Taylor's proposals in paragraph 2 as to date of publication of results and making a reduction in fees of examiners who delay their reports beyond fixed date.

G. S. F[ORBES]—12-6-07.

Please draft. (Revenue should accept.)

H. D. TAYLOR—14-6-07.

The draft is for approval. If approved, it may be sent to the Revenue Department for acceptance.

C. A. SOUTHER—15-6-07.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—14-6-07.

To the Revenue Department.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Secretary.

D. T. CHADWICK—18-6-07.

Accepted.

A. G. CARDEW—18-6-07.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

For approval.

H. D. TAYLOR—20-6-07.

[Returned by the Honourable Member without initials.]

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H. D. TAYLOR—22-6-07.

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2. The above suggestion will be easily workable if only Government is pleased to see that the results of the Examination are published earlier. We would therefore request that it should be ruled as in the case of University Examinations that the results should be published within 30 or 40 days. The advantages of this proposal are varied and many. The clerks of the Mofussil Collectorates can prepare and attend the --- Examination before they attend to Jamabandi and other important works of the year. The clerks of the Secretariat and other offices in Madras can also attend the Examination before they go up to the Hills and the number of failures will be much ---- reduced by holding 2 Examinations in the year, while the -- prospects of the candidates will also be better and speedier.

3. We also beg to submit for consideration that the -- present ruling requiring a fixed minimum in each subject is very high and works hard upon hard worked public servants both in Madras and in the Mofussil while there is no corresponding advantage to candidates. We therefore beg to suggest that all the subjects may be grouped together and the candidate may be declared to have passed in the ~~in the~~ 3rd class if he gets 1/3 of the aggregate number of marks, and in the first class if he gets 2/3. If this prayer cannot be conceded we would suggest at least, as an alternative, that the papers on Revenue Regulations and Acts (with and without books) and on Board's Standing Orders (with and without books) may be considered as one division for purposes of minimum and the -- papers

papers on all the Manuals as another Division. In this case we would submit that for a 2nd class pass the minima be taken as $\frac{1}{3}$ in each division and $\frac{1}{3}$ on the whole and for a 1st class pass, 50 per cent. on the whole, the same 25 per cent. continuing to represent the minimum.

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4. We further beg to point out that the interval between the dates of the Revenue and Criminal Test Examinations as they are at present held, is not enough to enable a candidate to go up for both the Tests at the same time and we would -- respectfully suggest that at least a week's interval may be allowed between the 2 Tests, so that the candidate for the double Tests may at one stretch conveniently get through them.

5. In conclusion, we respectfully beg that Government may be pleased to show mercy to the hard-worked officials both in Madras and in the Mofussil by granting the above prayers. We also beg that the altered scheme sketched on the lines -- indicated above, may be put in force at the forthcoming Tests of October 1907.

For which act of kindness and condescension, we, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

S. Ramaswami

We beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

Name	Designation of office held.
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C.S. Ramakrishnaiah. B.A. B.L.	do Coimbatore
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Z. Krishna Rao. B.A. B.L.	do do
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Name.

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Payaswami Aiyar
Mr. Ramaswami
Mullai

2^d Shroff, Collector's office
accountant
clerk, Collector's office.

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clerk Subrahmaniam Karur
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Phanaji Aiyar
K. Ramaswami Aiyar, Asstt. Secy. to Govt.

T. Ramakrishna Rao clerk D.B. office.

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M. Subrahmaniam Head of Clerk, North Fort Office.

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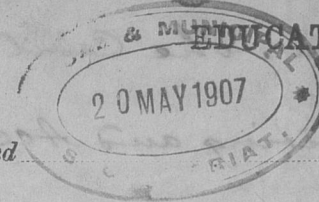
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Stating with remarks that the Commission is not in favour of holding the Special Test Examinations (Revenue Tests) twice a year.

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Station Madras, Dated the 16th May 1907.

From (Name) The Hon'ble Mr J. J. Logan, B.A.

(Designation) Ag. Commissioner for Government Examinations.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Educational Department.

Sir,

With reference to Endorsement No 852, Educational, dated the 11th April 1907, on a petition from J. Srinivasa Raghava Aiyangar and others of Coimbatore, I have the honour to submit the following remarks:-

1. The petitioners first request that the Revenue Tests be held twice a year. I beg to point out that, if it is considered desirable in the interest of Revenue officials that these tests should be repeated in the year, there is no particular reason why the

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Officials of other departments should not be allowed a similar concession. The Civil and Criminal Tests, the Precis-Writing and Account Tests are of equal importance to the Officers they concern. Hence, if one test is to be repeated, it is equally necessary that the others also should be, and this would mean holding twice in the year a set of Examinations at which over 4,000 candidates appear. Such a course would impose upon my office an enormous increase of work and necessitate a duplication, or at any rate a substantial strengthening, of the Establishment, which is at present barely able to cope efficiently with the work of the existing Examinations which are spread over the whole of the year.

Again I do not find it easy to get suitable Examiners for the Special Tests. My selection is necessarily limited to the men in the various departments of Government Service who are practically acquainted with the Subjects prescribed, and these Officials are not always willing to take up examination work presumably because they can ill afford the time for it. It would be extremely difficult to get Examiners twice in the year.

But apart from these considerations, I beg to submit that when an elaborate system of safeguards against fraud has to be adopted to

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push the Examinations successfully through once in the year, it would obviously be inadvisable and unsafe to hold them a second time and thus give wider opportunities for rendering the precautions now taken futile. For these reasons I am strongly opposed to any favourable consideration of this request.

2. It is next requested that the results of the Examinations be published earlier than at present. The petitioners are incorrect in stating that they are not published before March. This year for example, they were in the Gazette in January and February. The Examinations are usually held on October 15th and following days, and Examiners are required to submit their mark books by December 15th. They are thus allowed about two months for the work of valuation. In the University Examinations, about a month or a little more is allowed, but the cases are not quite analogous. The Examiners of the University are men connected with Schools and Colleges and having little to do of their legitimate work in the month of December are free to devote the greater portion of their time to Examination work. Such is not the case with the Special Test Examiners who can only devote to outside work of this nature the little leisure that is left to them after the performance of their daily duties.

I might try the experiment of requiring the results to be submitted by the 15th November so that they may be published by the end of December, but I doubt if it will succeed.

3. The petitioners next request that the standard of the Examinations may be lowered and they suggest two alternative methods. The question of lowering the standard has been discussed from time to time and it would appear from the last G.O. on the subject that Government are not inclined to make the Examination easier by holding it in divisions or reducing the minima. The Board of Revenue have twice made recommendations with this object, but these have ^{not} received the approval of Government. The matter is one which should be decided by expert opinion, but looking at it from a general point of view, I am inclined to think that, considering that these Tests are of a technical nature, the requisition, in the case of tests comprising more than one subject, of a minimum in each subject and of a still higher minimum on the whole, makes the standard somewhat rigid and severe. It certainly gives rise to a number of what may be considered "hard cases" every year, when candidates fail in one subject by a few marks while they have done excellently in the other subjects. I would suggest for

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the Consideration of Government whether, while fixing a minimum for each subject (one-third or 30 percent) and a minimum on the whole (40 percent), it may not also be provided that a candidate who fails in one subject only be permitted to pass if he obtains 45 or 50 percent on the whole. If Government are inclined to view this suggestion favourably, definite recommendations will be submitted. The Concession should be allowed not in the case of the Revenue Tests alone but for all other tests to which it is applicable. The proposal of the petitioners that the minimum should be one-fourth in each subject and one-third on the whole can hardly be accepted. It fixes too low a standard.

4. The petitioners finally request that a week's interval be allowed between the Revenue and Criminal Tests. I am not in favour of this being granted. If Candidates are prepared to come up for both tests, which they can do under the present arrangements, they have about ten papers to answer and they ought to be able to take these without an interval, if Candidates for the matriculation and F.A. Examinations can do it. Besides, it would be difficult to arrange for the conduct of an Examination extending over two weeks without causing much inconvenience to the officers mostly members

of the Civil Service, who are usually required to superintend these examinations and to the work of the Offices to which the Candidates belong and from which they have to take leave to appear for the Examinations

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. J. Logan
Ag. Commissioner

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From

The Board of Revenue, Land Revenue

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The Hon'ble Mr. J. N. Atkinson (Commissioner of Revenue Settlement)
The Hon'ble Mr. J. Twigg (Commissioner of Salt and Separate Revenue)
The Hon'ble Mr. J. Andrew
Mr. R.H. Shipley
(Commissioners of Land Revenue).

Resolution:-

With reference to Government Endorsement, No. 852-1 Educational, dated 11th April 1907, the Board begs to submit its remarks on the alterations in the rules for the conduct of Special test Examinations suggested in the petition which accompanied the endorsement. The proposals are:-

(i) to hold the Revenue test Examination twice a year -

in

in March and October;

(ii) either to abolish the separate minimum number of marks in each subject prescribed for a 'pass' and have only one minimum for all the subjects put together, $1/3$ for a second and $1/2$ for a first class; or to form the subjects into two groups, one comprising the Acts and Regulations, and the Standing Orders and the other the several manuals, and to prescribe a $1/4$ minimum for each group with a $1/3$ of the total as minimum for a second class and $1/2$ for the 1st class;

(iii) to announce the results within 30 or 40 days from the date of the Examination;

(iv) to allow an interval of at least one week between the dates of the Revenue and Criminal test Examinations.

3. The Board is not satisfied that there are sufficient grounds for any change in the present rules except that regarding the publication of the results, (proposal ~~iii~~).

This is reasonable and may be given effect to if the Commissioner for Government Examinations considers it practicable.

4. As regards the first proposal, the Board observes that the Special test examinations were formerly held in the month of May and that the date was altered to October in 1886 on the representation of the Revenue Officers that the holding of the Examination in any month between January and June caused

inconvenience

inconvenience to their subordinates and obstruction to work (see Government Order No. 603 Educational, dated 18th September 1886). These objections still hold good; and a biannual examination would, in the Board's opinion, dislocate work in all offices and probably only result in a large ^{number} of failures the preparation for the examination being less strenuous.

5. The second proposal to reduce the minima required for a 'pass' is open to the objection that it will not secure that detailed knowledge in each subject which it is essential that successful candidates should possess. The Board does not consider the present minima excessive.

6. The fourth suggestion to allow a week's interval between the dates of Revenue and Criminal tests is both unnecessary and undesirable.

(True Extract)

[Signature]
For Ag: Secretary

To the Secretary to Government, Educational Department
C.B.M. 18/5

[Signature]
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Memorial from certain clerks of Coimbatore re.

Rev. Test examinations

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 621D, From the T. Srinivasanagawa Chak. No. 1, Dated 190

No. 6982.2.07
549 of 16.8.06.
162 of 9-4-03
222 Rev of 1-3-02
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490 of 3-9-07
603 of 18.9.06.

Here the points raised by memorialists considered during the recent discussion of the Rev. Tests.

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To Under Secy.

The memorialists have raised the following four points:

i that the Rev. Test Examination may be held twice a year, once in March & once in October.

(ii) that the results of the examination may be published earlier

(iii) that all the subjects for the examination may be grouped together & that the minimum for a 2nd class pass be fixed at $\frac{1}{3}$ of the aggregate number of marks

& that for a 1st class pass at $\frac{1}{2}$ or as an alternative the minimum for a 1st class pass may be considered as one division for purposes of the minimum of marks for all the manuals as another division.

(iv) that at least a week's interval may be allowed between the Rev. Criminal test examinations.

2 Attention is invited to notes to G.O. No 6982 of 8.2.07. It is submitted that the points raised

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in the present memorial were not considered when G.O. No 69 Eol. 782-07 issued.

3 The points now raised are for consideration in the Educational Dept. The present memorial may be transferred to that dept. no.

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Please Give a stnt. showing dates of examt. + dates of publication. results + no. of candidates for last 5 years: To there great delay.

To Under Secy.

A statement showing the above information is subjoined

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" 1903	Examinations Catechized.					
" 1904	22-25 Oct 04	H. 21-2-05 L. 581	294 581	235 418	48 46	16 8
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" 1906	19-22 Oct 06	H. 26-2-07 L. 431	294 431	229 431	35 66	12 11

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2 It will be observed that the usual time taken for the publication of the results is about 4 months. The examinations are held in the third week of Oct and the results are published only by the end of February of the next year.

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Memorialists may be informed that Govt. cannot see its way to revise the examn. in the manner requested.

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The paper should go to Educ. Dept. for disposal, but we should be glad to be allowed a further opportunity of offering remarks, as the question of holding Spl Test Exams twice a year has arisen in another connection also.

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8-4-07



No. 852 Edl. 8-4-07

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In the present circumstances it is not possible to publish the results of the examination in the third week of Oct. It is only in the third week of Oct that the results are published. The results are published only by the end of February of the next year.

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- 2 on the reasons given by C.G.E. the proposals
- (a) for holding examinations twice in the year
 - (b) for lowering the standard by fixing a lower percentage of marks for a pass
 - (c) for allowing an interval - 20 or 25 marks the last a test of exam - work of practical knowledge - between the Revenue & Tutorial tests

shall be 2 is allowed.

It seems possible that the results should be published earlier - of private by 15th Dec. in each year, or at any rate not later than Jan^{ry}.

- The C.G.E. suggestion ^{at A} in paragraph 3 of letter, page 12 of file, might be considered.
2. The file will now be remitted to Rev. u.s. for remarks after consulting the Board of Revenue if a reference is deemed desirable.

Rev. u.s. ^{HO 22.5.07}

Has the proposal similar to that at A ever been considered before.

DTC
24.5.07

Cur No 1027 Isl. Containing the remarks of the Board of Rev. which was since received has been added to the file.

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U.O. NO. 852-2 ED.
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To Under Secy

Submitted that the question does not seem to have been considered before.

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The D.P.I. & the B? agree that
i. biennial examinations are impracticable
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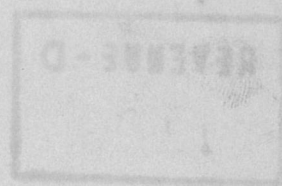
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Res. may agree in the above.
2. The B? suggest that the dates of
publication of results may be advanced. The
D.P.I. doubts whether it can be done but
is willing to try. Res. may ask that it be
attempted viz to publish results by the end of
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3. The B? considers that no change should
be made in the system of valuation of papers.
There ~~are~~ are four papers in revenue Higher.
To pass a candidate must get $\frac{2}{3}$ marks
on each paper & 40% on the total. The
D.P.I. suggests that if a candidate is short of
his $\frac{1}{3}$ on one paper but gets over 45% or
50% on the aggregate he may be allowed to pass.
This is worthy of consideration, & I submit the
question the B? may be asked. It is
not known whether the D.P.I. could let us know

Say middle of Jan.
That ~~also~~ give the examiners
the Christmas holidays
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what the effect of such a rule would have been if in force last year. He may be asked.

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The delay in the publication of the results of the Special Tests is always great, no result during the last 6 years having appeared within the calendar year in which the examt. was held. In some cases the delay has been very great, eg. in 1902 when the Crim. Lower results were not out till 25 March, & in 1906 when the Précis results appeared only on 13 March. At present there is, I believe, no check on the dilatoriness of an Examiner in the Spl Tests except the Commr's remonstrances, whereas the University imposes a fine of Rs. 5 or Rs. 10 a day for every day beyond the fixed date. Some such method might usefully be adopted in the case of the Spl Tests, so as to induce punctuality. The differences between the dates of publication of results in the same subject in successive years suggest that the amount of delay depends on the Examiner. See statement appended.

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2. The examt. should not, I think, be made easier but perhaps they would be a better test if the total required for a pass were raised to 50% & separate minima done away with.
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Date of Examⁿ 15.20.00

Statement Showing Date of publication of results of Special Test Examination (C.O.E. grade exam) from 1901 to 1906.

Sub. Name of the Exam ⁿ	Date of publication of the results in					
	1901	1902	1903	1905	1906	1907
Precis - writing	12-2-01.	11-2-02	24-2-03	21-2-05	13-3-06.	29-1-07
Account Higher	12-2-01.	11-2-02	17-2-03	21-2-05	23-1-06	22-1-07.
Account Lower	12-2-01	11-2-02	24-2-03	28-2-05.	23-1-06.	22-1-07
Criminal Higher	22-1-01.	4-2-02.	17-2-03	21-2-05	6-2-06.	19-2-07
Criminal Lower	22-1-01.	25-3-02.	17-2-03	21-2-05	6-2-06.	19-2-07
Revenue Higher	26-2-01.	4-3-02	24-2-03	21-2-05	23-1-06	26-2-07
Revenue Lower	19-2-01.	25-2-02.	24-2-03	21-2-05	23-1-06.	26-2-07.
Translation Higher	29-1-01. (Languages except Tamil) 19-2-01 (Tamil)	28-1-02	3-2-03.	21-2-05	16-1-06	8-1-07
Translation Lower.	29-1-01. (Except Tamil) 19-2-01. (Tamil)	4-2-02	10-2-03	21-2-05.	16-1-06.	8-1-07.

Note: - No results were published in 1904 owing to the Cancellation of the examⁿ of 1903.

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With reference to the Res. Secy's suggestion at 14 it is submitted that the separate minima (33%) may still continue, as well as the total (40%) required for a pass. If the general total were raised to 50%, the number of failures would probably be very great.

But where a candidate fails to obtain the minimum (33%) in one subject, he may be considered to have passed if his total reaches or exceeds 50%.

2. The Secy. may be asked to endeavour to publish all results by 15th Jan'y. Examiners being required to send in their tabulated statements on or before Jan'y 1st. in each year - subject to a fine of Rs 10/- for each day's delay.

3. ~~As to the other reports~~ There seems to be no reasons for complying with the other requests of the memorialists, who may be informed accordingly.

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I am not in favour of doing away with separate minima. The examt^s having a practical and in view & not being a ^{new} test.

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of general capacity we should insist on separate run^g as now.

I agree with Taylor's proposals in para 2 as to date of publication of results & making a reduction in fees of examiners who delay their reports beyond fixed date



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AT
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The draft below is for approval. If approved it may be sent to the Rev Dept for acceptance

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20.6.07

[Returned by the Hon. without initials.]

Done 22.6.07

C. No.852, Ed1., from the Revenue Department, No.621--1, d/8-4-1907.
C. No.1350, " " " -Do.- , No.1108-1, d/4-6-1907.

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The Commissioner for Government

Examinations will be requested to arrange
~~for the publication of~~ to publish the results of all the Special
~~not later than~~ Test Examinations by the 15th January in
each year. ~~the~~ ^{should be instructed} Examiners ~~being required~~

to send in their tabulated statements on
or before the 1st of January, and a

reduction of Rs.10 for each day's delay ~~after~~
~~that date~~ ^{should be from} being made ~~in~~ the fees of the examiners ~~who~~
who delay their reports beyond the fixed
date.

2. The Government are not prepared
to do away with the separate minima
now required in the subjects for the
Revenue tests. Nor do they ^{consider it} ~~see any~~
~~disirable~~ reason to comply with the other requests
of the memorialists, namely, that the
Revenue test may be held twice a year
and that ~~at least~~ a week's interval may
be allowed between the Revenue and Criminal
test examinations.

To the C.G.E.

" Memorialists.

" Revenue Department.

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