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[Despatch Abstract.]

RIDING COURSE OF THE ENGINEER STUDENTS.

Forwarding to the Government of India, copies of the papers read in the Proceedings, Public Works Department, Nos. 28 and 360 w., dated 8th January and 13th February 1895, respectively, and on which was based the decision that the Public Works Department shall be debited with the fees for the -- of the Local College of Engineering; and furnishing an explanation of the grounds on which that decision was arrived at.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

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Public Works Department.

G.O. 987: 22.12.94
98: 7.2.95
693: 19.9.94

No. 2194 C/
Dated 5th July 1895
Despatched
Received 8th July 1895
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SUBJECT.

Transferring letter
from the Govt. of India,
P.W.D. requesting to be
furnished with copies
of certain G.O.s of the P.W.D.
regarding the riding course
of the Engineer Students
of the Engineering College
Madras.

All communications
should be addressed
to the Secretary.

No. 1733 G.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department.

Simla, the 19th June 1895.

Sir,

With reference to the Proceedings of the Government of Madras in the Public Works Department, General Establishment, for the Months of January and February 1895, I am directed to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor, the Government of India may be furnished, for information, with copies of the papers read in the Local Government's Proceedings Nos. 28 and 360 W., dated respectively the 8th January and 13th February 1895, and on which was based the decision of that Government that the Public Works Department shall be debited with the fees for the riding course of the Engineer Students of the Madras College of Engineering, who entered the College up to and inclusive of the year 1895, and who may be drafted into the Public Works Department on completion of their practical course. I am also to ask that this Government may be favoured with an explanation

explanation of the grounds on which that decision was arrived at.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

E. H. Walker

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Documents accompanying:-

Nil.

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Recd: 26-6-95

No. 360 Wd/13-2-95

28 Wd/8-1-95

750 Cd/28-2-95

86 Cd/11-1-95

3997 Cd/10-12-94

3957 Cd/8-12-94

2476 Wd/4-10-94

8TH JANUARY 1895, No. 28 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

READ—the following paper:—

G.O., dated 22nd December 1894, No. 987, Educational.

Read—again G.O., dated 19th September 1894, No. 693, Educational.

Read—also endorsements of the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated 8th and 10th December 1894, Nos. 3957 C. and 3997 C., respectively, on letters from the Director of Public Instruction, dated 1st December and 8th December 1894, Nos. 11597 and 11948, respectively.

Order—dated 22nd December 1894, No. 987, Educational.

The Government agrees with the Chief Engineer in considering that the riding course should be made compulsory for all students except such as are specially exempted in consequence of their having been trained in Military schools.

2. As regards the payment of the riding school fees due from the students now in the college or entering it in 1895, the Government accepts the Chief Engineer's proposal that the Public Works Department should only be debited with the fees of such students as are drafted into the department immediately on completion of their practical course.

3. Students entering the college after 1895 must, however, pay their own fees. The Director of Public Instruction should provide for this when revising the college rules. It will be sufficient to lay down that no student will be appointed to the Public Works Department unless he has undergone the course of equitation.

4. The question what fees should be prescribed for this course now remains to be considered. As Colonel Pennycuik remarks the charge of Rs. 5 *per mensem* for a syce "specially entertained" to look after the horse ridden by each student requires a full explanation as the horses presumably require to be looked after whether used by learners in the riding school or not. The Commandant of the Body Guard has already reduced the fee demanded in respect of each student from Rs. 25 to Rs. 15, but in the opinion of Government a further material reduction is called for. The Military Department will be requested to state whether this cannot be arranged. In this connection it will be observed that Army Regulation No. 342 apparently applies only to the case of Military officers undergoing a special course of equitation, portions of which, *e.g.*, the management of drawn swords, would certainly not be necessary in the case of Engineer students.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

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ORDER—dated 8th January 1895, No. 28 W., Public Works.

Communicated to Superintending Engineers in continuation of G.O., No. 2476 W., dated 4th October 1894.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To Superintending Engineers.
„ the Consulting Architect to Government.
„ the Examiner, Public Works Accounts,
with copy of G.O., No. 2476 W., dated 4th October 1894.

GENERAL.
ESTABLISHMENT.

G.O. of {1895} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated January, 8th.

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G.O., 8th Jan. 1895, No. 28 W.

JANUARY.

Riding course

Proceedings, Educational Department, regarding the — of Engineer students, communicated to Superintending Engineers.

13TH FEBRUARY 1895, No. 360 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

Read—the following paper:—

G.O., dated 7th February 1895, No. 98, Educational.

Read—the following paper:—

Proceedings of the Military Department, dated 22nd January 1895, No. 375, forwarding copy of a report by the Commandant, Body Guard, dated 15th January 1895, No. 13 A.

With reference to your endorsement No. 7, dated 11th January 1895, on the accompanying correspondence relating to the riding course of Engineering students, I have the honour to submit the following report for the information of His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor.

2. From a conversation with Mr. Larminie on the subject of the usual fee, Rs. 25, charged for a course of equitation as laid down in Army Regulations, India, volume 11, Part I, paragraph 342, and taking into consideration the fact that the Engineering students would be undergoing a *particularly short* course, I addressed the Director of Public Instruction (*vide* this office No. 322, dated 7th December 1894), on the matter suggesting that a nominal fee of Rs. 15 each should be paid for their instruction exclusive of the charge of Rs. 5 *per mensem* for a syce "specially entertained."

3. I suggested this reduced fee as I found a precedent in which certain candidates of the Salt and Abkari Department were charged Rs. 15 only. I may here mention that these candidates also paid the syce's wages of Rs. 5 *per mensem*, and as candidate of this department was only required to ride well enough to cover eight miles within the hour, &c. (*vide* latter portion of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Separate Revenue, Mis. No. 816, dated 22nd February 1894), I considered that a nominal fee of Rs. 15 should be paid, instruction in leaping and riding with arms being unnecessary in their case.

4. It was pointed out that such a large number as 28 Engineering students could not possibly be put through an equitation course together owing to so many extra horses not being available for the riding school every day at this time of the year, and it was thus arranged (*vide* this office No. 281, dated 10th October 1894) that they should attend in three separate batches. As it was apparently thought necessary by the Acting Principal, College of Engineering (*vide* No. 414 C., dated 9th October 1894) that *all* the 28 students must be put through even a very short course between the dates 9th October and 25th December 1894 inclusive, each batch would therefore only receive on an average 20 lessons—a course which could give them very little idea of riding considering that probably most of them have never mounted a horse.

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5. Under these circumstances as a further material reduction of the fee is called for, I would suggest that Rs. 10 each be charged for the instruction of the 28 Engineering students referred to as a *very special case*.

6. I take this opportunity of requesting that, in the event of further batches of Engineering students being obliged to undergo instruction in equitation, it may be arranged that they should attend during the summer months when His Excellency is not in Madras, as at that time of the year more horses would be available and they could be put through the *full* course of two months (60 lessons) and also that an equitation fee of Rs. 15 may be fixed upon exclusive of the wages for a syce "specially entertained."

7. With reference to the charge of Rs. 5 *per mensem* for a syce specially entertained to look after the horse lent for the purpose of instruction, I beg to point out that it cannot be waived in the case of the Engineering students for the following reasons:—

It is a fee laid down in Army Regulations, India, volume II, part I, paragraph 342, clause XII (b), and has been strictly adhered to in the case of all pupils who have attended the Body Guard Riding school, whether Military, Volunteer, Civilian and Police officers or candidates of the Salt Department, private gentlemen and natives. The establishment of syces of the corps consists of 44, and of this number no less than 36 cannot be detailed *every* morning for extra duties in connection with the Riding school.

A large number of troop horses are used and saddlery soiled every morning when there happen to be a great many pupils in the Riding school, thus entailing *extra hard work* in grooming and cleaning which should not be borne by Government syces even if they were available for the purpose.

8. In conclusion, I beg to mention that I have personally paid these specially entertained syces for the months of November and December 1894 and therefore request that the amount Rs. 80 may be refunded at an early date.

✓ *Read*—letter from the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, dated 23rd January 1895, No. 638.

Order—dated 7th-February 1895, No. 98, Educational.

Under the circumstances represented by the Commandant of the Body Guard, the Government will not demur to the proposed fee of Rs. 15 for a course of 60 lessons. This should be exclusive of the charge for the syce, as the reasons given for the entertainment of these special attendants are adequate. The reduction of the fee to Rs. 10 in the case of the students who have just gone through the course appears to be sufficient considering the inconvenient time of year when they were undergoing training. As Captain Kerich suggests, arrangements should be made in future for this instruction to be given in the hot weather when His Excellency the Governor is away from Madras.

2. With reference to his questions, the Director of Public Instruction will be informed that equitation fees not paid by the Public Works Department should be debited to the Educational budget. The Chief Engineer's proposal referred to in paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 987, Educational, dated 22nd December 1894, is by that paragraph expressly restricted to students entering the college before 1896. A copy of his remarks will, as requested, be furnished to the Director.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

ORDER—dated 13th February 1895, No. 360 W., Public Works.

Communicated to officers concerned in continuation of G.O., No. 28 W., dated 8th January 1895.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To Superintending Engineers.
" the Consulting Architect to Government.
" the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Exd. C. A. Munisawmy.
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GENERAL.
ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of {1895} Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated February, 13th.

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G.O., 13th Feb. 1895, No. 360 W.

FEBRUARY.

Riding Course

Proceedings, Educational Department, in regard to the fee to be charged and the arrangements to be made for the — of the Engineering students, communicated to officers concerned.

No. 2194 C.

Current No. 778

Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MEMORANDUM.

Dated Madras, 5 July 1895.

Letter from the Government of India
P.W. Dept. No. 1733 & dated 19 June 1895.

Transferred to the Educational
Department.

2. The papers asked for by the Govt.
of India are those read in Proceedings
dated 22 December 1894 and 7 February
1895 Nos. 987 & 98 Educational. It is
suggested that G.O. dated 19 September
1894, No. 693 Educational with the papers
read therein should also be forwarded.

3. An "explanation of the grounds on
which the decision was arrived at"
will with more propriety be given in
the Educational, than in the Public
Works Department.

The Educational Dept.
with copies of G.O. No. 180
& 360 W. of 13 Feb. 1895
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Secretary to Government, P.W. Dept.

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Current No. *778* of 189*5*, dated *5th July* from *the P.W.D.*

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Letter
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of 29th July 1895 No. 628

To

The Secy to the Govt of India

P. W. D. (General)
1/8.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of Mr. Walker's letter to the Secy to this Govt P.W.D. of 19th June last no. 1733 G, and to forward, as requested therein, for the information of the Govt of India, Copies of the papers, read in the Proceedings of this Govt nos. 28+360 W of 5th January & 13th February '95 respectively and on which was based the decision that the P.W.D. shall be debited with the fees for the riding course of the Engineer Students of the local College of

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of Engineering, who entered the College up to & inclusive of the year 1895, & who may be drafted into the P.W.D. on completion of their practical course.

2. The grounds on which that decision was arrived at are as follows: In April 1894, the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, proposed that students of the College of Engineering should go through a short course of riding while under training in the Workshops. This proposal, which was strongly supported by the D.P.I., was sanctioned in G.O. no. 693 G.O. dt 19th Sept '94. Twenty-eight students were accordingly admitted into the ~~Body Guard School~~ ^{riding school attached to the Body Guard of H.E. the Governor}. Under Art. 342 of the Army Regulations, India, Vol II, a certain fee per student is payable to the riding master, besides free supper monthly to the ~~eyes~~ ^{eyes} looking after the troop horse ridden by the student. The question then naturally arose as to who should pay the riding fees. The Principal of the College of

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copy of which is enclosed for reference

riding school attached to the Body Guard of H.E. the Governor

on the ground that under Art. IX of the College Rules "all allowances during the practical course are debitable to the P.W.D."

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of Engineering & the D.P.I. were of opinion that, in the case of the students then in the College or entering in 1895, (a) four batches of students in all, the payment was binding on Govt as the course had been introduced without proper notice to the students. The D.P.I. further ^{inferred} added that the riding fees of the twenty-eight students then undergoing the course should be debited to the P.W.D. But the Chief Engineer, P.W.D., ^{while taking this contention} took objection to the whole amount being debited to that department and, proposed that ~~the P.W.D.~~ ^{it to P.W.D.} should be debited with the fees of such students only as are drafted into the Deptt immediately on the completion of their practical course. This proposal appeared reasonable & was accepted in G.O. no. 984 G.O. dt 22.12.94 read in G.O. no. 28.11.95. The equitation fees not paid by the P.W.D. according to this arrangement were ordered to be debited to the Educational Budget.

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The Secy to the Govt. dt 24/1/95
with 3 G.O. dt 24/1/95

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