

Educational (1896) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 385

Dated 25th June 1896

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[Despatch Abstract.]

FORESTERS.

Approving the proposed addition to section 31 of the Forest Code of a clause permitting the promotion of --- who have not passed Forestry Test to the post of Deputy Ranger.

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BACK PAPERS.

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BOARD OF REVENUE (LAND REVENUE), FOREST No. 154, 1st APRIL 1896.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE (LAND REVENUE).

READ—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 190, dated 7th February 1896 :—

Read—the following letter from E. D. M. HOOPER, Esq., Acting Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Coimbatore, 27th January 1896, Ref. on Cur. No. 2483 :—

I have the honour to inquire if men must qualify by passing the full departmental test in section 31 (b) of the new Code to be eligible for appointment to temporary establishment posts on Rs. 30 known as Deputy Rangerships when the pay is debited to B. Establishments.

Foresters do not qualify by passing the Technical Examination, the syllabus for which is now under consideration, so that the posts will remain vacant or only filled by passed Dehra men who have no lien on a permanent post of more than a Forestership, while awaiting a vacant permanent Deputy Rangership.

The restrictions placed on the appointment of Rangers and Deputy Rangers have much crippled the prospects of our older unpassed men and junior recruits and the leaving open of the Rs. 30. Temporary posts to men irrespective of their passing the Departmental Test will afford some slight relief.

I have at the same time to mention that, unless exemption is given, all Dehra candidates must have passed the Technical Forestry examination to secure the Rs. 30 per mensem necessary for their deputation.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 190, dated 7th February 1896.

The Conservator's query in paragraph 1 of his letter read above will be answered in the affirmative and his attention will be drawn to Board's Proceedings, No. 748, dated 24th October 1889.

2. The remaining portion of the letter will be referred to the other Conservators for remarks.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) L. M. WYNCH,
Secretary.

To the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle.
" " " Central Circle.
" " " Northern Circle.

READ—also the following letter from E. P. POPERT, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Sankarapuram, 19th February 1896, No. 1492 :—

[Reference.—Board's Resolution, Forest Mis. No. 190, dated 7th instant.]

In reply to the above I have the honour to remark I do not clearly comprehend whether by Departmental Test Mr. Hooper includes the Technical Forestry examination or only refers to the examination in Forest Act and Rules and Code and

Accounts. It is perfectly true hardly any of the Foresters come forward to pass the Technical Examination. I trust, however, if the test be made a more practical one more of these men will appear for examination. As for the Departmental Test in Forest Code, Act and Rules in this Circle, 13 out of 24 Foresters have passed. I think provision might be made in the Code in the absence of qualified candidates for the promotion to Deputy Ranger upon Rs. 30 of Foresters who have passed the examination in Forest Code, Act and Rules, and who have rendered not less than five years' satisfactory service as Foresters.

2. In this circle there is only one temporary subordinate drawing Rs. 40 debited to B. Establishments and he is at the Forest School.

3. Mr. Hooper's contention that, as the rules stand, men already in Government service must have passed the Technical Forestry examination before they can be deputed to the school, appears correct, and I am of opinion the rule should be altered.

READ—also the following letter from A. W. PEET, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Gazulapalli, 25th February 1896, R.C. No. 1467:—

With reference to Board's Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 190, dated 7th February 1896, I have the honour to state that I am not quite sure that I understand what Mr. Hooper advocates in the second and third paragraphs of his letter. It seems to me that he asks that permanent Foresters (who draw less than Rs. 30 as such) should be permitted to act in temporary posts, the pay of which is Rs. 30, without passing the Departmental Test; if there are no temporary men qualified, or Dehra Dun passed students not yet provided with posts of that value.

Considering the block in promotion I would advocate this proposal.

2. As regards the fourth paragraph of the letter under reference, I think that the exemption asked for may also be taken for granted, as Rs. 30 has been fixed as a minimum stipend for students at the Forest School.

RESOLUTION—Forest No. 154, dated 1st April 1896.

In the first of the papers read above the Board referred, for the remarks of the other Conservators, Mr. Hooper's suggestion that posts of Deputy Rangers on the Forestry Test prescribed in section 31 of the Forest Code, 2nd edition.

Mr. Hooper also pointed out that the present rule prevents men from entering the Forest School unless they have passed the tests in clause (b) of section 31, as Rs. 30 has been fixed as the minimum stipend for students at the school.

2. Both Messrs. Popert and Peet agree with Mr. Hooper in considering that the restrictions placed on the promotion of men to the Deputy Rangers' class have crippled the prospects of old and unpassed officers. Mr. Peet considers that, in the absence of qualified men, permanent Foresters should be promoted to act in temporary Deputy Rangers' posts on Rs. 30, without passing the Departmental Test, i.e., the Forestry Test and the test in the Code, Act and Rules. Mr. Popert points out that hardly any Foresters come forward to pass the Technical Examination in Forestry and suggests that the Code should be modified so as to provide that, in the absence of qualified candidates, Foresters who have passed the Departmental Test in the Forest Code, Act and Rules, and who have rendered not less than five years' satisfactory service as Foresters may be promoted to the Deputy Rangers' class.

3. The Board approves of Mr. Popert's suggestion and requests the sanction of Government to making the following addition to section 31 of the Code:—

“(c) Or, in the absence of men who are qualified under (a) or (b), to candidates who have passed the Departmental Test in the Forest Code, Act and Rules, and who have rendered not less than five years' satisfactory service as Foresters.”

The revision of the syllabus for the Forestry subject in the Madras Government Technical Examinations is now under consideration, and the present uncertainty as to the nature of the examination required for the test has doubtless prevented men from coming forward to pass it. This uncertainty will soon be removed, but the block in the promotion of Foresters to Deputy Rangers is serious, and the proviso that five years' satisfactory service must have been put in will prevent the concession being abused.

There are, at present, a considerable number of men who are eligible for promotion under the rule as revised, and the alteration will in end give Conservators a wider selection for candidates for the Dehra Dun school.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Conservators of Forests.

Ed. J. P. Oliver.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1896.

Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

MADRAS.

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Proceedings, Forest No. 154, 1st
April 1896.

CHIEF SECRETARY
6. MAY. 1896
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Requesting the sanction of Government to add
to section 31 of the Forest Code a clause to
enable Conservators to promote under certain
circumstances Foresters who have not passed the
Forestry subject of the Government Technical
Examination.

Awaiting reply
from Govt
Recd 1/5

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Est. No 227: 8-4-96
216: 21-11-95
Forest Code

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Educational Department
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2nd May 1896

Note
Please see No. Est no 227 of
8th April 1896. It is presumed
that the present paper should be dealt
with in the Educational Dept.

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Papers to be read in proceedings:—

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Current No. 609 of 1896, dated 2nd May, from the Rev. Dept.
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ORDER. No. 385 of 25 June 96

The Bd's recommendation
in para 3 of the foregoing Resolu-
tion is accepted.

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Note.
The addition which it is
proposed to make to art 31 of the
Forest Code involves exemption
from passing in Forestry at the
Govt. Technical Examination; hence
the approval of the Educational Dept.
is necessary.

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The Rev. Dept. 940. Dated 1/7/96
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Promotion of Foresters.

H.M.

(For Approval)

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