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[Despatch Abstract.]

Approving the proposal of the Commr for
Govt Exams that the condition of passing
the handwriting test may not be enforced
on undergraduate candidates for
admission to the special tests;
and requesting him to submit
the necessary amendments
to the special test notice -

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
FOR GOVERNMENT EXAMINATIONS,
Madras, 7th August 1896.

From

THE HON'BLE MR. D. DUNCAN, M.A., D.Sc., LL. D.,
COMMISSIONER FOR GOVERNMENT EXAMINATIONS,
Madras,

To

THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY
TO GOVERNMENT,
Fort St. George.

SIR,

Under the present notification regulating the Special Test Examination, none but those who, under Article 2 of the Public Service notification, hold or are eligible to hold superior appointments carrying a salary of Rs 15 per mensem or upwards in the Public Service, are eligible to appear for the Special Tests. This means that Matriculatis and First Arts men are not eligible to appear for any of the Special Tests unless and until they pass the prescribed test in Handwriting. I am inclined to think that this condition of admission operates very disadvantageously for, whereas a candidate who passes

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The Upper Secondary Examination, which, under the present notification, is held in December, may appear for the Special Test Examinations in the October following, a candidate who passes the Matriculation or the F.A. Examination, both of which Examinations are also held in December, can only appear for and pass the Handwriting test in the December following and is thus eligible to appear for the Special tests only one full year later, than a candidate who elected to appear for the Upper Secondary Examination in the same December. The standard of the Upper Secondary Examination has now been lowered to that of the Matriculation Examination, and therefore, handwriting apart, a matriculate is as good as, and a First Arts man much better than, an Upper Secondary passed candidate. It seems to me unfair to thus handicap Matriculates and First Arts candidates. I would, accordingly, suggest that the condition of passing the prescribed test in Handwriting may not be enforced on undergraduate candidates for admission to the Special tests, it being sufficient if this condition is insisted on

on before such candidates are appointed to the public service. In this way Upper Secondary men, Matriculates and F.A. men would all be in the same position with reference to admission to the Special tests, but while an Upper Secondary candidate could at any time be appointed to the Public service, neither a matriculate nor a First Arts man could be so appointed unless and until he passed the prescribed test in Handwriting.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

J. G. Murray
Commissioner.

W.H.

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ENCLOSURES.

Subject.

Suggesting for reasons stated,
that the condition of passing
the prescribed list in hand-
writing may not be enforced
on undergraduate candidates
for admission to the Special Tests.

H.M.

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The proposal of the
Commissioner is approved, and he
will be requested to forward submit
for the approval of Govt. the
necessary amendments to the
existing notifications.

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To

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