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Educational (1896) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 581

DATED 18-9-96

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Considering that candidates for the appointments of light-house keeper, boat overseer & flag signaller may be required to have passed in the compulsory subjects of the Primary Examⁿ; and requesting the Sd^y to state whether a pass in those subjects implies more knowledge than is necessary in the case of the aforementioned employees -

G.O. alone

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Current No. 950

Educational DEPARTMENT.

From

Marine Department

No. 389

Dated 5th August 1896

Received 7th —

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SUBJECT.

Transferring to the Educational Department an extract of letter no 1271 of 22nd June 1896 regarding the educational qualifications of lighthouse keepers.

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No.

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PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICE,

Madras, 17th December 1895.

From

Commander W. J. Powell, B. I. M.

PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,

Madras,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Chapin.
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

With reference to G. O. No. 911 Educational,
dated 29th November 1895, I have the honor
to state as follows:

2. The rates of pay for Superintendents
are, no doubt, sufficient to attract passed
candidates; but passed candidates are not
as a class suitable persons to take charge of
lighthouses, and still less so if Mr. Ashpitel's
proposals are carried out. A passed candidate
will certainly not accept an appointment
involving manual and menial labour,
nor will he be content to spend his whole
service in a lighthouse situated in a deserted
swamp. If the lighthouse service of this
Presidency is to be put in a satisfac

cheerfully perform manual labour, and who will look to the service alone for advancement, and not regard it merely as a stepping stone to employment in other branches of the Public Service.

3. As an example of the inconvenience of these Examination Rules: the man in charge of the Madras Lighthouse at the present time is in receipt of Rupees (15) Fifteen, per mensem, and though a most capable, and well conducted Head-keeper, he can draw no acting allowance.

4. Owing to the orders contained in Government Endorsement No. 1493 dated 28th June 1895 on current No. 470, no Superintendents can be appointed to the Madras Lighthouse, and the duties for the past six months have been performed by the Lighthouse Mechanic who is now on leave, being sick. I submit that it is unfair to fix this responsibility on the Head-keeper without extra remuneration. The following extract from the last report of the Lighthouse will show

that he is a competent person. It is obvious that for this acting vacancy a passed candidate who most probably has never seen a lighthouse must be unfitted.

5. I beg to submit a copy of the conditions under which keepers are engaged for the Trinity House Lighthouses, which service, it is almost unnecessary to state, will compare with any Lighthouse service in the world.

6. In conclusion I would most strongly urge upon Government the adoption of a senior educational test: to insist on the qualifications prescribed in the Public Service Notification will encumber the department with a body of men who, however excellent as clerks, will be worthless as keepers. I beg also for early orders on the portion of Mr. Ashpitel's scheme relating to establishments.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

Walter Buxton

Commander R. I. M.

Presidency Port Officer.

+ Orders since passed - 2024 480
2024 480
2024 480

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Extract from the Madras Light House
Inspection Book.

" Inspected on the 19th November 1895.

The lantern and apparatus are in excellent
order and reflect great credit on Head keeper
Le Voille x x x x x

Le Voille should be selected for one of the
appointments under the new scheme "

Extract from the Trinity House
Service Instructions and Appendix.

Page 43 - Admission of Light House keepers.

Applicants are required to be be-
tween the ages of 19 and 28, unmarried,
and to produce the following certificates:-

Age

Certificate

Certificate of Birth.

Certificate from Medical man, on
the prescribed form, as to present state of health,
stating particularly whether there is any defect
of eyesight, or inability to distinguish colour

Certificate stating former employment
or Trade.

Certificate of Character from last
employer.

Certificate

Certificate from Schoolmaster, of being
able to read and write, and of having a fair
knowledge of arithmetic

Note: artisans will be preferred.

(True Extracts)

Walter Street

Commander R. I. M.

Presidency Port Officer.

Madras
17 December 1896

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Date: 10/6/96

No. 550/2296

Presidency Port Office,
Madras, 3rd July, 1896.

From,

Commander H. A. Street, R.I.M.,

Presidency Port Officer,

Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Marine Department,

Chepak.

Sir,

With reference to G. O. Marine, No. 438 dated
16th June 1896, I have the honour to acquaint you, for
the information of Government, that the educational qua-
lifications I would recommend for boat overseers and
flag signallers are the same as specified in this of-
fice letter No. 1271/208 G. dated 22nd June 1896, in the
case of lighthouse keepers, namely, ability to read and
write English and a fair knowledge of Arithmetic, which
should be certified to by a schoolmaster.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

H. A. Street

Commr.: R.I.M.,

Presidency Port Officer.

Not received
+ how far?

Simple &
Compound rules
perhaps?

+ ask school master on
Inspection of schools?

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Heading.
Establishments.

No. 550/2324

Presidency Port Office,
Madras, 14th July, 1896.

From

Commander H. A. Street, R.I.M.,
Presidency Port Officer,
Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Marine Department,
Chepak.

Sir,

With reference to Marine Department Memorandum No. 355 E, dated 8th July 1896, I have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of Government, that this office letter No. 1271/208 G. of 22nd June 1896 was submitted through the Accountant General with the Proposition Statement called for in para 10 of G.O. Marine, No. 245 dated 8th April 1896. An extract of that part of the letter in question, bearing on the point, is given below.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

H. A. Street

Commander R. I. M.,

Ag: Personal Assistant,

For Presidency Port Officer.

EXTRACT.

8. I would recommend that the Trinity House Service Instructions for the admission of Keepers should be followed. They are as follows:-

Age.

Applicants are required to be between the ages

Not received
yet - 21 July 86

of 19 and 28, unmarried, and to produce the following

Certificates.

- (2) Certificate of birth.
- (3) Certificate from Medical man, on the prescribed form, as to present state of health, stating particularly whether there is any defect of eyesight or inability to distinguish color.
- (4) Certificate stating former employment or trade.
- (5) Certificate of character from last employer.
- (6) Certificate from Schoolmaster, ^{a schoolmaster or Inspector of Schools?} of being able to read and write, and of having a fair knowledge of Arithmetic.

Note:-Artizans will be preferred,

The educational standard might be the same as specified in the above extract from the Trinity House Instructions.

Read the following:-

From the Presidency Port Officer, Madras, No. 1273/342 G, d/17th Decr. 95.

-Do- -do- No. 550/229 G, d/3rd July '96.
-Do- -do- No. 550/232 G, d/14th July 96.

FOR ORDERS.

In considering the question of the reorganization of the Light -- Establishments of this Presidency the Government promised in para 10 of G.O. 245 Marine dated 8th April 1896 that some latitude as regards examination rules would be allowed, but remarked that a certain educational standard was necessary to attend to correspondence and maintain ^{the} requisite forms and store accounts.

2. The attention of the Presidency Port Officer was called to this -- matter in G.O. 434 Marine dated 16th June 1896, and he was ^{directed} ~~instructed~~ to submit specific proposals as to the educational qualifications which, in his opinion, should be prescribed for the various classes of employes.

3. He now complies with this order and in his letter No. 1273/342 G d/

17th

I agree with the Hon. Mr. Ains that it would not do to accept a certificate for a schoolmaster here & I doubt if it would be so in England. For here there is a ready alternative here. Candidates should be required to pass in the compulsory subjects of the Primary Exam, i.e. Reading, Arithmetic & Grammar (2) Writing & Spelling, (3) Arithmetic. The exam is mainly viva voce & in the vernacular, & is held at several places in each district: candidates pass who get 1/3 marks. It may be that this implies more knowledge than is necessary in the case of light-house establs. We should be asked about this.

*Agree with the Hon. Mr. Ains
but the proposal has been forwarded 29/7/96
to the Educational Dept. 28.8.96*

5. The certificate, marked (6) --
might be ^{from} ~~from~~ Government school
master or Inspector of schools, but
this is a matter for the Education-
al Department, to which the papers
be transferred
may, it is submitted, with the appro-
val of the Marine Department, as
modified by the above remarks.

22/7/86
M.

I think the candidates
about marriage may be
omitted, & that the ages may
be reduced. In England men
may apply between the ages of 19
& 28. Here I think they should apply
between the ages of 17 & 25.
I think, too, a certificate of
fitness is unnecessary & it will be diffi-
cult to get. I am not sure that he
was vaccinated, but this is required
for the primary exam.

I don't suppose this plan will
work. The men should have passed
some recognized exams, which shd
not be a high one - Not rather for
the Hon. Mr. Gore than for me to
say what particular exams shd be
required - I hardly know the names
of the exams now held. Formerly
we used to talk of the General Test.
That is abolished, I believe - But it
should be something of the kind -
It is a pity the file has been sent
direct instead of through the Educ.
Dept. in the proper way

28/7/96

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Marine 1896 DEPARTMENT.

From

THE PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,
Madras,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
PUBLIC WORKS (MARINE) DEPARTMENT,
Madras.

No. 550
232 G

Dated 14th July 1896.
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8.7.96. 353 £

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Transferred to the
Educational Department.

Subject.

Forwarding an extract of
letter no. 1271 G of 22nd June
208
1896 regarding the
educational qualification
of Lighthouse Keepers.

J. H. Campbell Colonel R.E.
Secretary to Govt.
Marine Dept.

To The Educational Dept.
with notes in original.

Recd 7/8/96
L. H. Campbell

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1,000-15-11-95.

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated no. 330 & 2-6-1896, No.

Again G.O., dated no. 413 & 8-7-1896, No.

Current No. 950 of 1896, dated 5th Aug, from the Marine Dept. No. 387
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ORDER. No 581 of 18th September 1896
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X G.O. no 413 & 8-7-96.

In para 10 of G.O. no. 245
Marine, & 8th April 1896, it was
stated that some relaxation of
the examination rules would be
allowed in the case of lighthouse
employes and in G.O. no. 438, Marine
the P.P.O. was directed to submit
definite proposals as to the educa-
tional qualifications which should
be prescribed for the various classes
of such employes. That officer
now recommends that lighthouse
keepers as well as boat owners
and flag-signallers should be
required to produce a certificate
from a schoolmaster of ^{their ability} being able
to read and write and of ^{their} having
a fair knowledge of arithmetic.
The Govt is unable to accept
this recommendation but considers

FROM ORDERS.

C. S.

(From orders on the Marine
Sept- note for orders).

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The Board, dead with replacement, he
kept this paper for five weeks
before drafting on it.

At. 16. 96

Dates
22/9/96

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