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# SUBJECT.

Transfers a Memorial with  
date from the Matriculates  
Vizagapatam & Ganjam District  
praying that they may be allow  
the privilege of appearing for  
the Criminal Test

(By order)

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To  
His Excellency the Right Honorable

SIR ARTHUR ELIBANK HAVELOCK, C.M.G., K.C.M.G., G.C.M.G.,

GOVERNOR OF MADRAS PRESIDENCY,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,

MADRAS.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The humble memorial of the Matriculates of Vizagapatam and Ganjam Districts most respectfully sheweth:—

1. That, your Excellency's memorialists enjoyed the privilege of going up for the Criminal Test till 1893, when it was restricted to B. As and F. As.

2. That, on a reconsideration of the question, this privilege was extended to 1st January 1896 in case of the Matriculates born and bred in the Northern Circars and the Ceded Districts.

3. That, from the year 1894, when the extended privilege came into force, the *minima* required for a pass was considerably raised.

4. That, a space of two years was too short a period for an improvement, especially when the Criminal Test examination was, of late, made more difficult than in the previous years.

5. That, the opinions expressed by various Gazetted Officers consulted, point to the conclusion that Matriculates possess, on the average, sufficient abilities to pass the Criminal Test, and that consequently it should not be closed to them.

6. That, Matriculation, as would appear from the correspondence in the Educational Department since 1892, was, after a hard contest for about 2 years, considered as a qualifying examination for entrance into the Public Service.

7. That, while allowing Matriculates entrance into the Public Service, it is very hard to deny them admission to the Criminal Test, the reasons once viewed with favor as capable of bringing about the former concession may now equally hold good for the latter also.

8. That, the statistics of the results of the Criminal Test of the past years show comparatively a high percentage of pass by Matriculates—a fact which conclusively proves that Matriculates are not below the average mark of abilities to pass it.

9. That, Criminal Test is the only Special Test made applicable to every department (e. g. Revenue, Judicial, Police, Salt, Jail, &c.) and to debar Matriculates from appearing for it is to lay the axe at the very root of their prospects.

10. That, after the year 1890, Matriculates were induced to give up the idea of studying for Criminal Higher for the reason that without Revenue Higher this would be of no use.

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matric. can go  
for the Civil  
jail tests.

11. That, while the rules at present in force allow the appointment of a person who has passed the Lower grades of the Special Tests as Taluq Magistrates, &c., the Board of Revenue decline, as a rule, to accord sanction on the score that he has not passed the Criminal Higher, probably because that to efficiently discharge the duties of a Taluq Magistrate, a sound knowledge of the Criminal Law is required.

12. That when the Revenue Test Higher Grade was open only to B. As. and F. As. from 1888, Government was pleased, upon deliberate consideration, to allow also the Matriculates who were in the Public Service since 1884 to appear for it for 2 years ending with 1890.

13. That, a concession on the same lines may now be shown in respect of Criminal Test to those Matriculates who would be in Government Service prior to the date of concession sought for, at least for few years if not in entirety.

14. That, since persons who have passed the late Middle School and the General Test Examinations are very recently ordered to be admitted for the special Tests for five years to come and who are by the previous orders, entirely debarred from appearing for them from the year 1897, probably on the ground that they are deemed to possess inferior educational qualifications, and that consequently they are declared ineligible for "Superior" appointments in the Public Service, Your Excellency's Memorialists beg leave to submit that Matriculates who are classed among under-graduates and who are quite eligible for Superior Service like the latter, are surely entitled to a better concession, a concession to appear for the Criminal Test like F. As.

15. That, in view of the fact that Vizagapatam & Ganjam are admittedly backward Districts in point of education and which Your Excellency's memorialists take liberty to say most backward Districts, Your Excellency may be pleased to grant the memorialists' solicitation.

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This has already been allowed.

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