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Primary Examination and the Police.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From F. T. BAGSHAW, Esq., Commissioner of Police, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated 13th February 1897, No. 20.

I have the honour to bring to your notice that, according to Public Service Notification—Educational qualifications for admission to the public service, paragraph 1—on or after 1st January 1897, no police constable can be enlisted who has not passed the Primary School Examination. In consequence of this, I have been unable to enlist any men for the City Police since the 1st January last, as no applicants have been qualified.

2. The City force is now fourteen men short of strength—a serious matter, as the full strength is insufficient for working a large city like Madras. I have, therefore, the honour to request that you will move the Government to postpone the rule as regards the enlisting of constables.

3. Up to December 1896, we have been enlisting men for appointments under Rs. 15 without their passing any examinations. They have, however, always been able to read and write, were of good physique and good character and have had to pass a departmental examination within three months before being posted to a division.

4. This has answered very well hitherto, and it appears to be evident that the time has not yet arrived when we can look for and obtain higher qualifications for the ordinary constable coupled with the very necessary stamina and physique.

From M. HAMMICK, Esq., I.C.S., Inspector-General of Police, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated 19th February 1897, No. 627.

With reference to article 1 of the Public Service Notification under which no man can be enlisted as head constable or constable from 1st January 1897 who has not passed the Primary Examination, I have the honour to bring to the notice of Government that, notwithstanding the fact that candidates who have passed the Primary School Examination have been preferred for enlistment during the past three years, only very few candidates have offered themselves. I give below the total number of enlistments during the past three years for the whole Presidency and the number of them that have passed the Primary School Examination:—

	1894.	1895.	1896.
Total number enlisted	2,386	1,711	1,578
Number passed the Primary School Examination. 127	104	109	

The District Superintendents who were now consulted all report that it is impossible to enforce this rule regarding the Primary School Examination in the case of the constabulary at present and they recommend the postponement of the rule for some years. Under these circumstances, I request that Government may be pleased to order that the application of the rule referred to be deferred for another three years as regards head constables and constables in the Police department.

ORDER—No. 312, Educational, dated 2nd June 1897.

In view of the representations made in the foregoing letters, the Primary Examination qualification will not be required of candidates for the offices of head constables and constables till the 1st January 1900; but in making appointments to such offices preference shall, as a rule, be given to men who have passed the examination.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector-General of Police.
 „ Commissioner of Police.
 „ Commissioner for Government Examinations.
 „ Judicial Department.

Ed. A. Raitt.

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From

*M. Hamwick Esquire J.C.S.
Superintendent of Police, Madras.*

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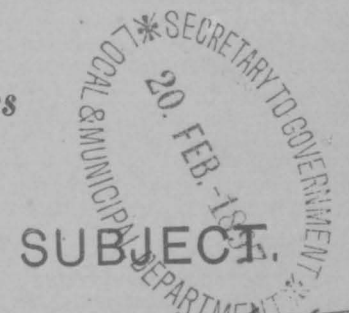
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SUBJECT.

Primary School Bureau & the Police.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

FOR ORDERS.

In these currents the Commissioners of Police and the I. G. of Police request that the operation of the Primary examination rule in the case of Constables and Head Constables may be postponed for some years. In the first place their statement that the rule came into force in the case of Constables and Head Constables only on the 1st January 1897 is open to question. The custom is to treat Constables and the Head Constables as 'superior' servants and this custom seems to accord with the intention of Art 552 C.S. In the case of 'superior' servants, the Primary examination rule came into force on the 1st April 1897 Constables being 'superior' servants the rule came into force in them

also on the 1st April 1891.

In any case Head constables are superior servants, for their pay exceeds Rs 10 per mensem. There are four grades of Head constables and their pay is Rs 25, 20, 16 & 14. Perceiving that the three highest grades of Head constables really fell under Art 2 of the P.S. notification the Govt made a special case of them in G.O. no. 770 Ed & 9th October 94 and required them to qualify according to Art 1 only. vide Art 4 (9) of the P.S. notification. Head constables thus already enjoy a very great concession and it seems inexpedient to grant them a still greater concession by exempting them from passing even the Primary examn.

In the case of Constables the recommendation of the D.G. of Police that the rule be postponed for three years (ie) until 1st January 1900 may be approved. The Govt has recently relaxed the rule in the case of jail wardens & Salt peons vide G.O. no. 14 Ed & 25th Nov. 96

Has the Judicial Dept any remarks to offer?
Ind. Dpt. no. 9.4.7

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A search has been made among the records but it does not appear that any discussion of this matter has ever occurred in that Dept.

It seems almost certain, from the figures given by Mr. Hammick, that the experience of the Comm. of Police — that it is simply impossible to get men who have passed the Primary Exam. — will be repeated in the Districts very shortly, & that the ^{the operation of} notification will have to be postponed if the force is to be kept up to its full strength.

A { the date of enforcing the notification is postponed the postponement might be tempered with an instruction to the Lt. to give preference to Primary Exam. men. Even this will, however, be of the smallest use in encouraging would-be Constables to go through the Exam., as with so few passed candidates in existence no one is likely to be kept out of the force just yet because he hasn't passed.

W. J. J. 27.11.97.

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Papers to be read in proceedings:—

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of 1897, dated 13th Feb from the Com. of Police

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P.S.

N^o. 31272-6-97.

Primary examⁿ qualification
will not be required of

In view of the representations made in the foregoing letters, the Candidates for appointment to the offices of Head Constables and Constables will not be required to have passed the Primary Examination till the 1st January 1900; but in making appointments to such offices preference shall as a rule be given to men who have passed the examination.

(from orders)

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To
The I.C. of Police
-- Com. of Police
-- Com. of Govt. Exam
-- Jud. Dept.

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also 1801.

Have see passage marked in Judicial note over page.

The question of the primary examⁿ rule in the case of constables & H^d Constables may therefore be postponed Is the postponement to be indefinite or sh^d. a fixed term of years be specified?

The I.C. proposes three years. He will probably come up for an extension & I am not

While however accepting the opinion of the Jud. Dept., it does seem strange that Head Constables sh^d. have a dispensation: but in a matter of this sort we must, I suppose, accept the views of the dep^t. concerned.

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leave the term indefinite: but as he fixes three years, we may so notify.

It seems more reasonable necessary to grant a postponement. He may be for 3 years. Preference sh^d. always be given to men who have passed the examⁿ.