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Educational (1897) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 356

Dated 29-6-97

INDEXED.

[Despatch Abstract.]

stating, with remarks, that the fact is unable
to see that any further relaxation of the exam-
rules is required in favour of Light House Expts.
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From the Presidency Port Office
Madras

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Endorsement

Order
No 319 E & 6th May 1897

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J. W. Canfield Secy R. E.

Secretary to Govt. Marine Dept.

No. 1271 G.
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Dated 14-4-97

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Encls 1.

SUBJECT.

Pointing out the difficulty
experienced in selecting candi-
dates qualified by Examina-
tion Rules for Lightkeepers'
post and requesting that
the Government order regard-
ing Examination Rules may
be relaxed.

The Educational Department
with copy of note by the Hon.
Mr. Bliss dated 30-4-97.

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BACK PAPERS.

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Copy of Note by the Honorable Mr. Bliss
dated 30th April 1897.

"I quite agree with the Presidency
Port Officer as to the impossibility of
applying the Examination rules to these
posts in the Marine Department. The matter
is, however, for the Educational Depart-
ment, to which the current should
be transferred."

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Heading.

No. 1271 G.
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PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICE,

Madras, 14th April 1897.

From

Commander H. A. Street, R. S. M.,
PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,
Madras,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
Chepak.

SIR,

With reference to para 1 of G. O. Marine,
No. 10, dated 4th January 1897, I have the honor
to acquaint you, for the information of
Government, that up to date I have been
unable to fill the post specified in the
para above quoted, owing to the candi-
dates who have applied for it having
either not passed the educational test
required or being unsuitable from other
causes. Out of 93 applications which
have been made for service in the
Lighthouse Establishment of the
Presidency since March 1896, only five
were from men who had passed any
kind of Government Educational Ex-

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and of these one refused to take employment on learning that the pay of the post was only Rs 40/- per mensem, and the other men had no mechanical training whatsoever.

2. The difficulty now experienced in filling up the vacancy in the establishment of the Madras Light is an instance of what may be expected on the revised Establishment as lately approved by Government for the presidency lights being sanctioned, and points to the necessity of relaxing the Government order regarding the educational test for lightkeepers and authorising the Presidency Port Officer to engage such men as may appear to him to have sufficient education for a lightkeeper, without reference to any particular educational test. Most of the men who have presented themselves at this office could read and write sufficiently well, and had some knowledge of Arithmetic but had left school without passing the Primary Examination in order to earn

earn a livelihood. The majority of them were poor Eurasians with experience in "fitters" work and appeared to be just the men to make efficient lightkeepers.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

your obt. Servant,

H. A. Street

Commander R.S.M.,

Presy. Port Officer.

C. No. 532 of 97

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

SUBJECT.

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

Educational qualification of
Light keepers.

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

FOR ORDERS.

After mature consideration the Govt prescribed a pass in the Compulsory subjects of the Primary Examination for lighthouse employes such as Lighthouse Superds, Flag lascars, Flagstaff signallers, Light keepers and Boat-oversers. vide G.O. no 746 dated 1st Dec. 1896. In current no 532 the Presidency Port Officer represents that he has not been able to secure the services of a man who has passed the compulsory subjects of the Primary Examination for the post of Lightkeeper on Rs 40 for the Madras Lighthouse and requests the relaxation of the rules. The Hon. Mr Bliss in a note recorded on the current in the Marine Dept agrees with the P.P.O. that the Exam rules should be relaxed.

Office Orders are solicited.

G.O. no 712 of 23.8.95
put up & passed C
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These put up the Supt. of
S. F. 1897

Put up the Madras Education
Rules *12/4/97*

Put up retained
Volm
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The difficulty seems to be that the Marine Dept. cannot secure for the post of Lightkeeper for the Madras Lighthouse candidates who have passed the test, which is only the compulsory portion of the Primary Examⁿ - viz (1) Reading, recitation of grammar, (2) Writing, Spelling & (3) Arithmetic. The standard obtained in each of these subjects is the 4th Standard: vide pp. 27 ¹²⁸ of Mad. Ed. Rules.

A light housekeeper sh^d. certainly possess a knowledge of the three "Rs". If candidates who have passed are not available it sh^d. I think be made a sure qua non that a person selected for the post sh^d. pass before confirmation. If necessary the examⁿ might be a little simplified by omitting the technical grammar under (1) and fractions under (3). *SP*

vide G.O. 23 Aug. 95 no 712 Ed.

I agree. They sh^d. be required to pass before confirmation. I do not think the mixed knowledge of Grammar & fractions required by the rules sh^d. be omitted.

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Ed DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated *7/6 1st Dec* 1896, No. 746

Again G.O., dated 189, No.

Current No. 532 of 189, dated 6th May from the Marine Dept.

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" " " 189, " " "

ORDER.

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No. 356 of 29-6-97
After full consideration of the Govt recently relaxed the examination rules in favour of light-house Superintendents, flag lascars, flag staff signallers, light-keepers and boat-owners; ^{unimportant} ~~Candidates~~ ^{for these posts are now required} ~~for these posts are now required~~ to pass only in the compulsory subjects of the Primary examination, and the Govt is unable to see that any further relaxation of the rules is required. But ^{where} ~~if~~ persons who have passed the compulsory portion of the Primary examination are not available, unpassed candidates may be appointed to the posts on the condition of their passing the prescribed test before confirmation.

(from orders)

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To The Marine Dept.