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Forwarding to the Govt of India
Memorial from the Madras
Mahajana Sabha on the subject
of the rules issued for 1897
for the admission of students
to the Engineer class of the
Thomson Civil Engineering
College at Rurki.

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From The Honble P. Rangiah Nair
President, Madras
Mahajana Sabha
No. 433

To the President, Mahajana Sabha, 980

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To The Secretary to the Govt of Home Dept.

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Sir,
I am directed to transmit

for the consideration and order of H.E.

the G.O. in C. the accompanying

memorial from the Mahajana Sabha

of Madras on the subject of the rules

issued for the year 1897 for the admission

of students to the Engineer class of the

Thomason Civil Engineering College

at Rurki.

SUBJECT.

Submitting a memorial in connection with the rules of the Rurki College for 1897 for the consideration of His Excellency the Viceroy and requesting that three copies of the same may be forwarded to the Govt of India.

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The Madras Mahajana Sabha Office,
Mount Road, Madras, 11th October 1897.

FROM

THE HON'BLE P. RUNGIAH NAIDU,
President, Madras Mahajana Sabha,

TO

HIS EXCELLENCY THE VICEROY AND
GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL,
CALCUTTA.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The Committee of the Mahajana Sabha of Madras beg permission to bring to the notice of the Government of India the invidious nature of the rules issued for the year 1897 for the admission of students to the Engineer class of the Thomason Civil Engineering College at Rurki. The contrast between the rules for 1896 and the rules for 1897 is striking as will be seen below :—

RULES FOR 1896.

1. Candidates for admission to this Class must be Statutory Natives of India, and not under 17 or above 21 years of age at date of entry to College. No Candidate will be examined more than twice, and no one who has studied for more than three months in any Class of the College is eligible for admission as a Candidate for a Government appointment.

2. Candidates who have not passed the Entrance Examination may be admitted for education, and to obtain certificates as Assistant Engineers, provided that (a) accommodation is available; (b) they possess the educational qualifications specified in rule 7, and can produce the certificates specified in rules 4 and 5, and can satisfy the Principal that their knowledge of English is sufficient to enable them to pass through the College Course; (c) they pay a fee to be fixed by the Committee of Management so as not to exceed Rs. 100 per mensem. If, in addition, they conform to the age-limits laid down in rule 1, they may compete for the guaranteed appointments. No Scholarships will be paid to these students.

RULES FOR 1897

1. Candidates for admission to this Class through the Entrance Examination must be Statutory Natives of India, other than Natives of pure Asiatic descent whose parents or guardians are domiciled in Bengal, Madras and Bombay, and must not be under 17 or above 21 years of age at date of entry to College. No Candidate will be examined more than twice, and no one who has studied for more than three months in any Class of the College is eligible for admission as a Candidate for a Government appointment.

2. Candidates, including Natives of pure Asiatic descent whose parents or guardians are domiciled in Bengal, Madras and Bombay, may be admitted without an Entrance Examination for purposes of education and to obtain certificates as Assistant Engineers, provided that (a) accommodation is available; (b) they possess the educational qualifications specified in rule 8, and can produce the certificates specified in rules 5 and 6, can satisfy the Principal that their knowledge of English is sufficient to enable them to pass through the College Course; and (c) that they pay a fee of Rs. 40 per mensem during the Session. If, in addition, they conform to the age-limits laid down in rule 1, and are Statutory Natives of India, they may compete for the second and third year's Scholarships, vide rule II, and if not Natives of pure Asiatic descent whose parents and guardians are domiciled in Bengal, Madras and Bombay, they may also compete for the guaranteed appointments.

The Committee feel it their duty to point out the invidious distinction introduced in the rules for the current year. They can see no reason why "Natives of pure Asiatic descent whose parents or guardians are domiciled in Bengal, Madras, or Bombay" should be excluded from admission to the Engineer class. And in the para. 2 the same class of people are prohi-

bited from competing for guaranteed appointments. In other words, only domiciled Europeans and Eurasians and the pure natives of the so-called backward Provinces, including the North-West Provinces and Oudh, within whose limits the College is situated, have a chance of entering the higher branch of the Public works service through that College, and the pure natives of the older and more advanced Provinces have none whatever.

Such a distinction between domiciled Europeans and Eurasians and natives of backward Provinces on the one hand, and the natives of such advanced Provinces as Bengal, Madras and Bombay on the other, is, the Committee of the Sabha beg to point out, one-sided and unfair, as it will have the effect of virtually keeping out the natives of the advanced Provinces from competition with domiciled Europeans and Eurasians, and thus securing to the latter a practical monopoly of the guaranteed appointments.

The Committee, therefore, submit that serious injustice will be caused to the sons of the soil by this arbitrary and odious distinction, which is opposed to the express terms as well as the spirit of Her Majesty's memorable Proclamation of 1858. Nowhere else do such restrictions exist, not certainly in the other Civil Engineering Colleges.

The Committee beg to state that from the fact that the number of guaranteed appointments given to the Rurki College is out of proportion to the importance of the Province within whose limits the College is located, and from the fact that at one time the guaranteed appointments throughout India were given only to the Rurki College, it is clear that the said College is meant for the whole of India.

The Committee pray that His Excellency the Governor-General in Council will be pleased to order the cancelment of these rules and direct fresh ones, devoid of this invidious character, to be issued.

I have the honor to be,
May it please your Excellency,
Your Excellency's most obedient Servant,

Amjial Naider
President, Madras Mahajana Sabha.

CURRENT NO. 1213 THE "MADRAS MAHAJANA SABHA" OFFICE.
MOUNT ROAD, MADRAS,

20th October 1897.

No. 433. From The Honble P. Pungiah Naik
President
Madrass Mahajana Sabha.
To The Secretary to the
Government of Madras.

Sir,
I have the honor to submit herewith
a Memorial in connection with the rules
of the Ruckee College for 1897, for the
consideration of His Excellency the Viceroy
and Governor-General of India.

Six copies of the memorial are sent
herewith, and I respectfully request that
you will be so good as to forward three
of them to the Government of India.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
P. Pungiah Naik
President.

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MOUNT ROAD, MADRAS

20th October 1897

No. 133. From

The Hon. P. S. Sivasami
President
Madras Legislative Council

The Hon. P. S. Sivasami
President
Madras Legislative Council

I have the honor to acknowledge
a memorial in connection with the
of the Madras Legislative Council for 1897 for the
consideration of the Government of India
and the Government of Madras.

2x Copying the memorial and
forwarding it to the Government of India
for their consideration.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
P. S. Sivasami

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