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G.O., No. 458

Dated 26-7-98

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Directing that the Maha-
Jana Sabha of Madras be informed that the Govt
sees no reason at present to reopen the
question of natives of pure Asiatic descent,
whose parents or guardians are domiciled in
Bengal, Madras, or Bombay, being admitted to the
Engineer Class of the Thomason Civil Engineering
College at Roorkee in the North-Western Provinces,
and allowed to compete for the guaranteed
appointments open to Students of that College.

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From

The Govt. of India,
Home - Education,
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The memorialists will
be informed accordingly.

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SUBJECT

Acknowledging receipt of letter no. 620
of 8-11-97, forwarding a memorial
from the Mahajana Sabha of Madras,
praying for the cancellation of the rules issued in
'97, regarding the admission of students
into the Engineer class of the Thomas
Civil Engineering College at Roorkee
& explaining the main considerations
which led to the adoption of those
rules.

To

The Memorialists

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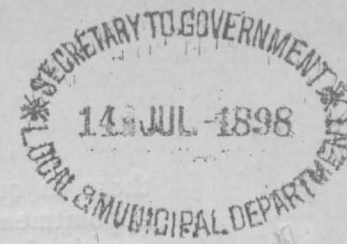
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FROM

J. P. HEWETT, ESQ., C.I.E.,
Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras,
Educational Department.

Home Department.
Education.

Simla, the 7th July 1898.

SIR,

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 630,
dated the 8th November 1897, forwarding a memorial from the

Maharaja Sabha of Madras

in which the memorialists pray for the cancellation of the rules issued in 1897 excluding natives of pure Asiatic descent, whose parents or guardians are domiciled in Bengal, Madras or Bombay, from admission to the Engineer class of the Thomason Civil Engineering College at Roorkee in the North-Western Provinces, and from competition for the guaranteed appointments open to students of that College.

2. In reply I am to say that the rules in question were carefully considered before they were introduced, and that the main considerations which led to their adoption were:—

- (1) that each of the Provinces of Bengal, Madras and Bombay has its own Engineering College and its own guaranteed appointments in the Public Works Department, while the guaranteed appointments in that Department allotted to the Thomason College at Roorkee all belong to the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, the Punjab, Burma or the minor Administrations (excepting appointments to the Railway Branch which are for the whole of India);
- (2) that natives of the Provinces of Bengal, Madras and Bombay are not so well fitted for appointments in the Provinces of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, the Punjab, Burma, the minor Administrations or the Railway Branch as competent natives of Upper India; and
- (3) that it would not be in accordance with the fundamental principle of recruitment for the Provincial Services to admit students of Asiatic descent from Bengal, Madras or Bombay to the Engineering College at Roorkee.

3. The revised rules are calculated to secure the most suitable men for the various Engineering appointments throughout India. Natives of Madras are not debarred from their fair share of the available appointments as will be seen from the statement in the margin showing the percentages of appointments held by Indians of each Province, as compared with the whole strength of the superior Engineering staff. It had been found from experience that in the absence of rules such as

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those in question there was a great tendency for Indian candidates to obtain appointments on the Upper India and Railway lists for which they were not constitutionally fit. By the introduction of the revised rules, it is intended that such candidates as succeed in obtaining appointments should serve on the lists and in the Provinces to which their College of origin is attached and where they are best fitted to serve.

4. The Government of India see no reason at present to reopen the matter, and I am to request that, with the permission of the Governor in Council, the memorialists may be informed accordingly.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. R. Hemmell.

Secretary to the Government of India.

The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras,
Educational Department.

J. R. Hemmell.

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