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[Despatch Abstract.]

Stating that the proposal of the Commr. for Govt. Examns for raising the admission fees of Candidates in the Ca of some of the Examinations under him, cannot be considered apart from the question of the propr of the stipends now paid to examiners & calling upon the D.P.I. to submit at an early dat his promised report on the latter question.

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SUBJECT.

Replying to memo. No. 1824, d/ 29 August 1898 regarding the proposal to reduce the rates of remuneration paid to examiners.

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The Govt. considers that the ~~question~~ proposals for raising ~~of [illegible]~~ the admission fees of candidates, submitted by the Commissioner for Govt. examinations in his letter dated the 9th March 1898, cannot be considered apart from the question of the propriety of the stipends now paid to examiners. The D. P. I will, therefore, be requested to submit the report promised in para 4 of his letter No. 5972 d. 2nd June 1896 at as early a date as possible.

(From orders)

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To

The D.P.I. q.t.o
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SUBJECT.

Submitting proposals for the raising of admission fees of Candidates in the case of some of the Examinations under the Control of the Commissioner.

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
FOR GOVERNMENT EXAMINATIONS,
Madras, 9th March 1898.

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From

THE HON'BLE MR. D. DUNCAN, M.A., D.Sc., LL.D.,
COMMISSIONER FOR GOVERNMENT EXAMINATIONS,
Madras,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT,
Fort St. George.

SIR,

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14-2-98.

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In my letter to Government, dated 4th December 1897, no $\frac{281}{1D}$, I took occasion to mention that I was considering 'in what way the Commission, as a whole, might, as in former years, be made self-supporting', and, in pursuance of the intention I then had, I have the honour now to submit proposals for raising the admission fees of candidates in the case of some of the Examinations under my control as the only possible way of attaining this object.

2. As the Government is aware, the Commission, as a whole, has for some years past been a source of considerable expense to Government. The charges incurred exceeded the receipts by more than Rs.

Rs. 120,00 in the year 1895-96, and by more than Rs. 27,000 in the year preceding. There was a time in the history of the Commission when the accounts of showed annually a surplus to Government; but, with the institution of the Primary and Technical Examinations, the financial condition of the Commission underwent a change. These Examinations are conducted at a cost to Government that is far in excess of their fee receipts, and though something has been done to reduce the disproportion between the receipts and expenditure, it is hopeless to expect that these Examinations will ever pay their way, and it is equally hopeless to expect that the financial condition of the Commission, as a whole, will ever right itself, so long as the fees charged for admission to the Examinations remain at their present rates. Considering the importance of many of the Government Examinations and their value to candidates seeking entertainment or advancement in the public service, it cannot be doubted, I think, that the fees levied in many cases

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are much too low. The University charges Rs. 12 for admission to the Matriculation Examination, which after all, is only a School-boy Examination: the fee charged for admission to the Revenue Test, Higher Grade, which is open only to Graduates and which qualifies successful candidates for the office of Deputy Collector, is only Rs 8! The fee for admission to the Medical College Entrance Examinations is Rs 5: the fee for the Precis-writing Test, one of the most important of the Special Tests and which, with certain exceptions, has to be passed by all ministerial officers before they can receive a salary of Rs 60, is only Rs 4. The fee prescribed for the Pleadership Examination which cannot be regarded as of greater importance or of greater value to Candidates than the Revenue and Criminal Judicial Tests is Rs 35 which is very nearly twice as much as the fees for the Revenue and Criminal Tests together. The Technical Examinations are most expensive Examinations to conduct and must continue to be so if they are to be of any value. They include not only

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a written Examination in each Subject, but also an oral and a practical Examination which has to be conducted conjointly by at least two Examiners. Yet the fee for the Elementary Grade Examination is only 1 Rupee and the fee for the Intermediate Grade Rs4, - the result being that the fees realized from candidates cover only a very small fraction of the remuneration which has to be paid to the Examiners. It may have been necessary when these Examinations were first instituted to fix such low fees, but no harm, I feel sure, can possibly arise now if the fee for the Elementary Grade is raised to 2 Rupees and the fee for the Intermediate Grade to Rs 5, the Commissioner being empowered as at present to remit or reduce the fee in the case of pupils of 'poor' Schools, or of 'poor' pupils, as defined in the Grant-in-aid Code

3. The changes I propose in the present rates are shewn in the following Statement which exhibits also the increase in the fee income that

that will probably result if my proposals are adopted:—

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1 Examinations	2 Number of Candidates	3 Present rate of fees.	4 Proposed rate of fees.	5 Increase of Fee Revenue Expected.
Lower Secondary Examination - (Compulsory Subjects only)	8,000	3Rs	4Rs	Rs 8,000
The Precis-writing Test	1,500	4Rs	6Rs	Rs 3,000
The Civil Judicial Test	100	8Rs	10Rs	Rs 200
The Revenue Test - Higher Grade	150	8Rs	10Rs	Rs 300
The Revenue Test - Lower Grade	600	6Rs	8Rs	Rs 1,200
Government Technical Examinations, Elementary Grade.	2,000	1R	2Rs	Rs 2,000
Government Technical Examinations, Intermediate Grade	800	4Rs	5Rs	Rs 800
Handwriting and Dictation Test	1,500	3Rs	4Rs	Rs 1,500
			Total increase	Rs17,000

4. The figures in column 2 are roughly the number of candidates that registered their names for the Examinations of 1896-97. This number, of course, is liable to vary from year to year; but whatever the fluctuations may be, it is certain that the new rates if they are adopted will result in a very substantial addition to the fee income of the Commission of more than Rs 10,000. A small portion of this amount might well be devoted to the strengthening of my office establishment.

5. I hope Government will be pleased to sanction my recommendation. It is true that in the case of some of the Examinations the fees realized more than cover the cost of Examinations, but if there are some Examinations which are more than self-supporting, there are others which are not and never will be, and the Commission, it seems to me, must be dealt with as a whole. Besides, in fixing the fees for an Examination, the actual cost of the Examination is not the only consideration. It has to be considered also that a sufficient office establishment must be maintained in a state of proper efficiency, and it is nothing but fair, too, to expect that candidates should pay a fair price for the prospects that are opened to them and the advantages that accrue to them by passing the various tests prescribed for Government Service.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
D Duncan
Commissioner

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O.M.:- No 778, d/ 23-3-98.

With ref to para 4 of his letter no. 5972 d/ 2nd June 1896, the D.P.I. is requested to report whan his views on the subject of reducing the rates of remuneration paid to examiners may be expected.

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To
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Refce. No. 1824 / 29.8.98. d. 26/8/98

The D.P.I is requested to reply at a very early date to ~~this~~ O.M No. 778 d. 23/3/98.

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2. In sending the report promised in para 4 of his letter No. 5972 d 2nd June 1896, the D.P.I is requested to consider whether any proposals that may be made to reduce the rates of remuneration paid to examiners will not affect the scheme submitted by him, as Commissioner for Govt. examns, ~~which~~ in his letter[x] d. 9th March 1898. If the D.P.I considers that the stipends of examiners can be reduced, it will probably be unnecessary to raise the examn. fees of candidates to the extent suggested by him.

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Madras, 19 ~~September~~ 1898.

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From

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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
~~Educational~~ DEPARTMENT,
Fort St. George.

SIR,

With reference to Memorandum No 1834, dated 29th August 1898, I have the honour to request that orders on my letter as Commissioner, dated 9th March 1898, need not be delayed in the expectation that the stipends of Examiners can be reduced. Any change that will be proposed in the stipends of examiners will be of the nature of increase, not of decrease.

2. The delay in sending the report promised in paragraph 4 of my letter No 5972, dated 2nd June 1896, is due to my having waited for a report of a sub-committee of the Syndicate regarding proposals to reduce the remuneration of University examiners. That report was not presented to the Syndicate in its final form until the meeting held on the 6th instant. It does not favour the idea that the remuneration to the examiners in the examinations under the control of the Commissioner or the Director can be reduced.

3. I may also mention that, at present, some of the examinations under my control cannot be held, as the gentlemen, to whom the examinations were offered, decline to undertake the work for the sanctioned remuneration.

Non sequitur. Why not ask some one else
MA
3.10.98

4. Owing to pressure of annual Report work, I may not be able to submit my promised report on remuneration of examiners for some weeks yet. But, I repeat, Government need not delay passing orders on my letter as Commissioner pending receipt of my report, in which I

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eration to examiners in certain subjects.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

D Duncan

Director of Public Instruction.

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