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Read the following papers:—

No. 180. From the Inspector General of Police, to the Secretary, to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 25th October 1866, No. 1774.
General Department.

I have the honor to give cover to the application of Mr. Inspector Sharkey, to be exempted from passing the General Test, for such orders as the case may admit of.

From Mr. W. H. C. SHARKEY, Police Inspector, to Lieutenant R. G. BRIGGS, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Kistna District; dated Bapatla, 7th September 1866.

Hitherto, I was under the impression that I must first pass the General Test, not being in the Service prior to 1859, before being allowed to present myself as a candidate for the higher grade Special Test of Deputy Collector and Magistrate, which Test I am now partly prepared to pass; but, subsequently, I was given to understand that several gentlemen, not in any branch of the Service, had this privilege of exemption extended to them, simply on being able to show Government that they have a fair amount of general knowledge, equivalent to that required from candidates expected to pass the General Test.

2. I was educated by the Reverend R. Halley, Principal, and Reverend W. Gray, Vice Principal, of the Doveton College in Madras, and the course of instruction through which I passed during my stay there is as follows, viz., three books of Euclid; Quadratic Equations in Algebra; nearly the whole of Arithmetic; Natural Philosophy; General and Physical Geography; Histories of Rome, England, and India; English Grammar and Composition throughout; Paley's Evidence on Christianity, together with other religious subjects; three books of Virgil; Greek Testament and Grammar; together with the Vernaculars. During my scholastic career, I received three prizes for general proficiency in my studies.

3. In 1862, I entered the Government Service as Police Inspector; passed the Law Test prescribed for Inspectors of Police; passed the Test prescribed in Government Order 13th November 1861, No. 1374, 25th of May 1864; and, under the recent Order of Government, as Police Inspector of 3 years' experience, am considered qualified for the post of a Tahsildar or 2nd Class Sub-Magistrate. Taking all these things into consideration, I beg that I may be recommended to Government by you, and my other Departmental Superiors through whom this may pass, for exemption from the General Test, to prepare for which must necessarily hinder my preparation for the higher Special Test of Deputy Collector, which Examination will come off next August 1867.

4. In conclusion, I further beg to state that I was directed by the Collector and Sub-Collector of the Kistna District to forward my application to Government through my Departmental Superiors, and not to the Commissioner for the Uncovenanted Civil Service Examinations, since he has no power to exempt me from the operation of the rules. A copy of the letter, No. 143, addressed to the Collector by Mr. Wilson, Sub-Collector, Kistna District, is also enclosed, and which I request may be also forwarded to Government together with my application.

From W. WILSON, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to the Collector and Magistrate, Kistna District; dated Bapatla, 16th July 1866, No. 143.

I have the honor to forward, for your perusal, an original letter from Mr. Sharkey, Police Inspector of this Taluq, requesting to be exempted from passing the General Test, which is usually required from candidates not in the Service prior to 1859, before being allowed to present themselves for any of the Special Tests. Mr. Sharkey entered the Service as a Police Inspector in, ——— and has now been four years so employed. He has passed the Vernacular and Law Tests required for Inspectors of Police. If the object of the General Test is merely to secure that persons entering the Public Service have a fair amount of general knowledge, I presume that the proof of a person in the position of Mr. Sharkey, already in one branch of the Public Service, having received such an education as would satisfy the Commissioner that the standard required by the General Test has been presumably obtained, would be sufficient to exempt him from passing the General Test,

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before going in for the higher Special Test of Deputy Collector and Magistrate. The course of instruction through which Mr. Sharkey passed at the Docton College in Madras, and the prizes he obtained, ought, I think, to be sufficient proof that the object of the General Test has, in his case, been attained. When to this are added the intelligence and ability in the discharge of his Police duties to which I am sure his Departmental Superior will most willingly testify, and his already having passed a Test, which, for difficulty, is equal, at the least, to that required for a Subordinate Magistrate, I trust that ample grounds have been shown for his exemption from the preliminary General Test Examination. To prepare for this must hinder him in his preparation for the higher test at which he aims: proficiency in the subjects required for the General Test may be useful to the proficient—knowledge of those required for the special is, for an Officer aiming at the special appointments for which they are prescribed, essential. What I ask for Mr. Sharkey has been, to my knowledge, granted to gentlemen not in any branch of the Service; and, when this is so, I hope that the grant may be extended to him. He is already in the Service, and is acknowledged to be the best and most efficient Inspector in the District.

Inspector Mr. Sharkey's application to be exempted from the General Test, and the grounds he gives for his request, is forwarded to the Superintendent, for his information.

(Signed) R. G. BRIGGS,
Asst. Supt. of Police.

14th September 1866.

Forwarded to the Assistant Inspector General of Police.

(Signed) W. H. HOSKINS,
Supt. of Police.

22nd September 1866.

Referred to the Commissioner for the Uncovenanted Civil Service Examinations, for his opinion.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
2nd November 1866.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

No. 181. From the Commissioner for the Uncovenanted Civil Service Examinations, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 8th November 1866, No. 501.

Mr. Sharkey appears to have received a good education, far superior to that required for passing the elementary General Test Examination required of candidates for the Public Service. It would have been as well if Mr. Sharkey had accompanied his application for exemption with certificates from the Principals of the School where he was educated, and gained, it seems, several prizes. But assuming, as I do, that his statement is accurately correct, I have no hesitation in stating that the Government may specially exempt Mr. Sharkey from the necessity of passing the General Test Examination.

No. 182. ORDER THEREON, 17th November 1866, No. 1820.

Under the circumstances stated, the Governor in Council is pleased to exempt Mr. Sharkey from passing the General Test Examination.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Police.

„ Commissioner for the Uncovenanted Civil Service Examinations.

„ Accountant General.

Ed. J. H. Burns

of the Krishna District, to forward my application to Govt through my departmental Superior & not to the Commissioner for the U. C. & Examination, since he has no power to exempt me from the operation of the rules. A copy of the letter No. 143 addressed to the Collector by Mr. William Subbaram I.E.D. is also enclosed & which I request may be also forwarded to Govt together with my application.

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Your most obedient

W. H. Sharkey

Police Inspector

Camp. Rapatta
7th September 1866

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Forwarded to the Assistant Inspector General of Police for his information
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(From Super Genl of Police) 25th Octr '86 No 1174
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