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Judicial **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 55. Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Calicut, 28th May 1866, No. 68.

I have the honor to forward, for the favorable consideration of Government, an application from Shunkara Menon, Sheristadar of the Cherikal Taluq, requesting permission to pass the Deputy Collector and Magistrate's test in the Vernacular.

2. Shunkara Menon's service extends over nearly 15 years, during which he filled with credit various Offices, Revenue and Magisterial. He has passed, this year, the tests for the Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate, and gives satisfaction in the discharge of his duties as Taluq-Sheristadar. He is 35 years old.

3. Shunkara Menon's standing in the service, his diligence in the performance of his duties, and the approbation he met with from the late Acting Sub-Collector, Mr. Garstin, fairly entitle him to the consideration he now seeks.

From K. SHUNKARA MENON, Sheristadar of Cherikal Taluq, to the Collector of Malabar; dated Cannanore, 21st May 1866.

I humbly beg leave to state that, at the last annual examination of candidates, I was declared as having passed the tests prescribed for Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate (vide page 23 of the Supplement to the *Fort Saint George Gazette* under dates the 23rd and 27th March 1866).

2. I am prepared to take up this year the tests prescribed for the Office of Deputy Collector and Magistrate; but, in order to pass these tests through the medium of a Vernacular language, especial Order of Government is necessary, under the revised Rules for the Special Test Examination published on the 3rd January 1866. I am ignorant of the English language, but have diligently served the Government since 1851.

3. Under these circumstances, I respectfully solicit that your honor will, in consideration of my services and qualifications, be good enough to recommend me for the favorable consideration of Government, and to procure an Order from Government enabling me to pass the tests in Vernacular, and I remain, &c.

No. 56. ORDER THEREON, 5th June 1866, No. 890.

The Governor in Council considers a knowledge of English so essential for the higher Offices for which the Special Test Examinations have been prescribed, that, except under very special circumstances, he is unwilling to sanction a departure from the Rule which requires that the examination shall be ordinarily conducted in English.

2. The Governor in Council accordingly declines to accede to the present application.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar.
„ Commissioner for the Uncovenanted Civil Service Examinations.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

5th June 1866 No. 890.

His Excellency in Council considers a knowledge of English so essential for the higher offices for which the Special Test Examinations have been prescribed, that, except under very special circumstances, he is unwilling to sanction a departure from the Rule which requires that the Examination shall be ordinarily conducted in English.

His Excellency must accordingly decline to accede to the present application.

To the Collr. of Malabar.
" Comm.r for the N. C. S. Nilgiris

