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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
2nd. October 1867.*

No. 16. Read the following letter from Mr. J. H. KENRICK, Ootacamund, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 26th September 1867.

By an order of the High Court, dated 30th of June 1866, I was permitted to practice as a Pleader in the Ootacamund Civil and Session Court, provided I presented myself for the Pleaders' Test Examination in August 1867. The words used by the Court in the order referred to were as follows:—"All persons who may be enrolled by the Civil Judge as Pleaders under this rule shall present themselves for the Pleaders' Test at the Uncovenanted Civil Service Examination for (1866 or) 1867." You will observe that no reference is made to my being required to pass the General Test Examination also, but this I was told by the Collector of Coimbatore I must do, when I applied to him for permission to go up for the Pleaders' Special Test Examination. The High Court, on being memorialized on the subject, has informed the Civil and Session Judge of Ootacamund that I should have understood that I would be required to pass the General Test Examination as well, and has prohibited my continuance in practice. I respectfully submit that the General Test Examination was not intended to apply rigidly to such persons, as myself, whose educated proficiency is apparent in the offices they fill and discharge, such as that of the editorial conduct of a paper, the *Neilgherry Excelsior*, a journal well known, being under my exclusive editorial management. I, therefore, beg that, on this ground, added to the unreasonableness of expecting a person of my age and position to go back to school studies, which I shall have to do to pass the General Test Examination, the Government will be pleased to exempt me from it, and permit me to continue my practice in the Ootacamund Civil and Session Court, till the result of my presenting myself at the next Special Test Examination is known. In support of this request, I beg to submit the enclosed certificate from the Acting Judge, R. G. Clarke, Esq., from which it will be seen that I have conducted my duties in a creditable manner.

2. In addition to what I have said, I beg further to submit respectfully that it is a question for the Government to entertain whether I should not be exempted from passing the Pleaders' Test also, on the special grounds of the public services rendered by me to the Madras Presidency, and of my having served the Government in the year 1862 without passing any examination. The nature of the public services I have rendered will be gathered from the enclosed printed papers, to which I beg you will call the particular attention of His Lordship in Council. I think, and I respectfully submit the opinion, that I might be exempted from passing the Pleaders' Special Test, taking the chance of getting such work as the public may be disposed to entrust me with as an unpassed Pleader, and which, should there be no confidence in my ability, will only be of an amount that will affect me seriously in consequence of this request having been granted.

3. I regret I have no other document to submit, in proof of my having served the Government in 1862, than the enclosed letter from the then Director General, Colonel Douglas, whose inability to give me immediate promotion was the cause of my leaving the Telegraph Department.

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No. 17. ORDER THEREON, 2nd October 1867, No. 1576.

The Governor in Council resolves to exempt Mr. Kenrick from passing the General Test Examination.

2. Mr. Kenrick cannot be exempted from passing the Special Test prescribed for Pleaders. It is for the High Court to determine whether, under the circumstances, Mr. Kenrick can be permitted to continue practising as a Pleader in the Ootacamund Court until the result of the Special Test Examination to be held in 1868 is known.

(True Extract).

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

To Mr. J. H. Kenrick, with enclosures returned.

To the Commissioner for the Uncovenanted Civil Service Examinations.

„ Honorable the Judges of the High Court.

„ Civil and Session Judge of Ootacamund.

Encl. J. H. Burns.

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