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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
27th February 1868.*

No. 357. Read the following letter from Captain T. WELDON, Magistrate of the Royapettah Police Court, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 24th February 1868.

Pursuant to sanction granted by Order of Government, dated 31st December 1867, No. 2126, Judicial Department, I invited (by repeated notifications in the Government Gazette and local Newspaper) applications from candidates qualified for the post of Head Clerk at this Court. Of some thirty applicants, only three had passed the prescribed tests, viz. :—

“Translation, Lower Grade; and Precis Writing.”

2. As special qualifications are required for the efficient discharge of the duties of the office, I selected three of the apparently best qualified candidates, and requested their attendance at my Office. The result of the interview is, that I find none of them so competent to discharge the required duties as Iya Pillay, the present Head Clerk and Record-keeper of this Court.

3. Iya Pillay, though he has not passed the minor tests laid down for the appointment, has passed superior tests, viz., “Civil Judicial, and Criminal Judicial,” both according to the *Higher Standard*.

4. The test proposed for the appointment in Order of Government, dated 21st February 1867, No. 50, Educational Department, was, “Criminal Law, *Lower Grade*, and Precis Writing.” Iya Pillay omitted to present himself for examination in Translation, Lower Grade, and Precis Writing, being, I believe, under the impression that, as he already held the post of Head Clerk, he would not be required to pass the tests prescribed for future candidates; but I am informed that he is not eligible to draw the increased pay allotted to this appointment, unless he has passed the particular tests recently laid down.

5. Iya Pillay has been seven years in this office, and has been discharging the duties of Head Clerk and Assistant Interpreter; and it may be borne in mind that the order prescribing the abovementioned tests for the office of Head Clerk at a Police Court only came into operation last month.

6. It is absolutely necessary that the Head Clerk should be competent to take the place of the Interpreter during the temporary absence of the latter on leave, or in attendance at the High Court, or from any other cause. None of the test qualified candidates have had any experience in the conduct of judicial business.

7. It only remains, therefore, either to supersede the present Head Clerk by a less useful and competent man, or to apply to Government, which I beg leave to do, to sanction the grant of the increased pay to Iya Pillay, the present Head Clerk, accepting the superior tests he has already passed as sufficient qualification under the circumstances, or, requiring him to pass, in addition, the minor tests at the next examination.

8. Should the grant of the increased pay to Iya Pillay at present be considered objectionable on principled grounds, I would beg permission to allow him to hold the office on his present salary until he has passed the necessary examination.

No. 358. ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1868, No. 335.

The Governor in Council is pleased, under the circumstances represented by Captain T. Weldon in the foregoing letter, to exempt Iya Pillay, the present Head

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Clerk of the Royapettah Police Office, from passing the tests in Translation, Lower Grade, and Precise Writing, and sanctions his appointment as Head Clerk on the revised establishment approved in G. O., No. 2126, 31st December 1867.
(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of the Royapettah Police Court:

„ Accountant General.

„ Examiner of Claims.

Royapet Police Court.

Madras 27th February 1868

From

Captain J. Weldon

Magistrate of Police

The Honorable R. S. Ellis, C.B.

Chief Secretary to Government

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Your most obedient servant
W. M. Dora
Magistrate of Police

