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READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., No. 2702 W., dated 17th October 1898.

READ—also the following papers:—

Letter from Messrs. Binny & Co., Madras, dated 22nd November 1898.
Letter from the General Superintendent, Public Works Workshops, dated 24th November 1898, No. 145 C.
Letter from the Superintendent, Gun Carriage Factory, dated 2nd January 1899, No. 5442.
Letter from the Locomotive Superintendent, Madras Railway, dated 3rd January 1899, No. 41.
Unofficial-note from the Sanitary Engineer to Government, dated 7th February 1899, No. 156.
Letter from the Chamber of Commerce, Madras, dated 22nd February 1899, No.
Office-note from the Sanitary Engineer to Government, dated 24th February 1899, No. 229.

ORDER—No. 1523 W., dated 13th June 1899.

In G.O., No. 2702 W., dated 17th October 1898, the question of taking action under section 14 of the Madras Steam Boilers and Prime Movers Act, 1893, was considered. This section provides that, from a duly specified date, and within any defined local area, no boiler shall be used unless it is in the direct and immediate management of a person certified under the Act to be competent for the charge thereof. Draft rules for the grant of certificates of competency under sections 14 to 20 and 23 (*c*), (*d*) of the Act, which had been prepared by the Sanitary Engineer, were referred to certain authorities for opinion.

2. The following have responded:—

(1) Messrs. Binny & Co.
(2) The General Superintendent, Public Works Workshops.
(3) The Superintendent, Gun Carriage Factory.
(4) The Locomotive Superintendent, Madras Railway.
(5) The Madras Trades Association.
(6) The Madras Chamber of Commerce.

3. The Chamber of Commerce opposes the introduction of the proposed rules, and Messrs. Binny & Co. appear to agree. The Chamber considers —

(*a*) that the proposed rules would —

(1) seriously interfere with industrial progress in this Presidency;
(2) be a most undesirable interference with private trade;
(3) be in advance of the times or of present requirements; and

(*b*) that no cause has been shown for their introduction, *e.g.*, the occurrence of serious boiler accidents.

The Chamber also understands that, even in England, no certificates of competency, such as are here proposed, are demanded of boiler tenters; the Board of Trade rightly relying on owners to satisfy themselves of the competency of their boiler tenters. The same reliance should, the Chamber considers, be placed on owners in India whose interest is similar to that of owners at home. The Chamber suggests that, if any improvement in the existing state of things is deemed necessary, the desirability of merely extending section 14 of the Act to any mofussil factory, whose machinery is not already in responsible charge of a resident certificated Engineer, may be considered. If, however, it is still deemed advisable to demand of boiler tenters some certificate of Competency, the Chamber holds that the examination should not be of the very advanced character suggested, but should merely show that the examinee has a sound practical knowledge of the duties he has to discharge.

4. His Excellency the Governor in Council is disposed to agree with the opinions of the Chamber of Commerce on this question and considers that the industrial development of this Presidency is not sufficiently advanced to warrant the introduction of the rules proposed for certificates of the first class. The examination should be much simplified; for the first or elementary grade, it might proceed on the lines proposed by the Locomotive Superintendent, Madras Railway, and Messrs. Binny & Co. for the second or more advanced grade, an examination on the lines proposed by the Sanitary Engineer for a second-class certificate will suffice.

5. The rules for examination should be revised accordingly by the Sanitary Engineer and submitted for the approval of Government.

6. The elementary examination will be made permissive for 18 months, after which the question of making it compulsory will be considered; the higher examination will be altogether permissive. The examinations should be held every six months, and after a period of 18 months, there will probably be no difficulty for any employer in finding a man possessed of the elementary certificate.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To all Collectors.
„ the Judicial Department.
„ the Local and Municipal Department.
„ the Sanitary Engineer, with tabular statements marked A and B and revised draft rules C, to be returned.
„ the Locomotive Superintendent, Madras Railway.
„ the General Superintendent, Public Works Workshops.
„ the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, Madras.
„ the Chairman, Madras Trades Association.
„ the Superintendent, Gun Carriage Factory.
„ Messrs. Binny & Co.

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