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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

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2. The Director of Public Instruction will be requested to state whether a pass in the compulsory subjects of the Primary examination implies more knowledge than is necessary in the case of the employes referred to.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

READ—also the following papers:—

From Commander H. A. STREET, R.I.M., Presidency Port Officer, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works (Marine) Department, dated Madras, 3rd September 1896, No. 550—282-G.

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No. 453-E.

Transferred to the Educational Department, in continuation of endorsement, No. 389-G., dated 5th August 1896.

OOTACAMUND, (Signed) D. McN. CAMPBELL, Col., R.E.,
14th September 1896. Secy. to Govt. P.W.D.

From the Hon'ble Mr. D. DUNCAN, M.A., D.Sc., LL.D., Director of Public Instruction, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 26th October 1896, No. 11550.

In reply to G.O., No. 581, Educational, dated 18th ultimo, I have the honour to state that a pass in the compulsory subjects of the Primary examination does not seem to me to be sufficient to enable a lighthouse keeper to carry on correspondence and to maintain the necessary account books. Ability to read, write and count up to the standard of the Lower Secondary examination would, in my opinion, be necessary to ensure the work being done with the intelligence and accuracy required. Cases would, of course, arise in which it might be expedient to grant exemption from even this small educational test.

ORDER—No. 746, Educational, dated 1st December 1896.

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(True Extract.)

G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Marine Department.
" Commissioner for Government Examinations.

Exd. A. Raitt.

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