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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 9th June 1857.

No. 22. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer ; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 25th May 1857, No. 624.

SIR,

I do myself the honor to report for the information of Government, that having reminded the several Officers of the D. P. W., who under para. 15 of the G. O. G. of 3rd February 1857, are liable to removal on failing to qualify in one of the languages of the country (copy of letter enclosed) I have already ascertained the likelihood of some of the Officers being found not fully prepared to pass a successful examination on or before the 6th August 1857.

No. 11/0 of 1857-58, dated 4th May 1857.

2. In not few cases, applications have been made for an extension of the preparatory period, grounded upon the undeniable assurance that exactly as they have been zealous and assiduous in their important out door and office duties, have they been deprived of leisure and mental fitness for the study of languages. Not only however have I held out no hopes of such extension, but I have not even felt at liberty to submit these applications to Government, as I could not have taken upon me to recommend compliance, if even so decisive a general assurance of the resolution of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, to remove all unqualified Officers from the Department of Public Works, had not been published to the service in the Notification of the 27th January 1857, in pursuance of the previous order of Government conveyed in Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1003 of 3rd July 1856.

3. Nevertheless as it may and most likely will happen that particular cases will arise exceptional, either in nature or degree, in which the special re-consideration of Government may have to be solicited, I venture to recommend that whether the Officers who have not yet qualified, be prepared to pass finally or not, the examinations shall still *invariably* take place, so as to ascertain the amount of progress actually made, and the further length of time which probably would enable a Student to attain the standard prescribed.

4. This proposition has reference to the possible decision of Government, that where great and almost insurmountable difficulties have presented themselves, and where the qualifications though defective as regards the standard, are considerable in respect to Official usefulness, some consideration may be shewn by the permission of a further trial, pending which, the marching or other allowances might be suspended. And I think that when failures, whether partial or total have taken place, it will be satisfactory to His Lordship in Council before passing final orders in each case to have a table before Government, representing the exact actual progress made by each Candidate. Finally, it seems not impossible that the very knowledge of having to undergo the ordeal of an examination be the attainments never so slender, will in itself have a good effect, and create a stimulus that is wanting under the belief which now prevails of the 8th of August 1857, examination being purely optional, albeit the enforcement of the penalty on non qualification rigid.

5. In conclusion I beg to forward a list of the Officers in each District who are liable to be examined under the orders of 27th January 1857 on the 6th August next, and to solicit that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will be pleased to direct that Committees may be appointed at the several stations for the purpose of examining all the Officers enumerated in the list, and of reporting what progress has been actually made by each Candidate.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 9th June 1857.

List of Officers in each District, who are liable to be examined in the Vernacular languages on the 8th August 1857.

Bellary.

Lieutenant Fisher, District Engineer.
Do. Campbell.
G. Powell, Esq., Uncovenanted.

North Arcot.

Lieutenant Mayne, District Engineer.
J. H. Dopping, Esq., Covenanted Civil Engineer.
Captain Barber.

Tinnevelly.

Lieutenant Oakes, District Engineer.
Do. Hasted.

Coimbatore.

W. Fraser, Esq., Covenanted Civil Engineer.

Kistnah Division.

F. Monscriff, Esq., Covenanted Civil Engineer.
Lieutenant Tulloch.
E. E. Merrall, Esq., do. do. do.
Mr. G. S. Sage, Uncovenanted Assistant.

East Coast Canal.

R. Kennedy, Esq.

South Arcot.

B. T. Norfor, Esq. Uncovenanted.

Godavery Division.

Mr. R. Smith, Uncovenanted Assistant.
„ H. B. Smith, do. do.
Lieutenant Hamond.
Do. Prendergast, (on foreign service).
J. Biggers, Esq., Covenanted Civil Engineer.

Salem.

Lieutenant Beekley, Engineer.

Cuddapah.

J. George, Esq., Uncovenanted.

Tanjore.

Lieutenant Moore, Do. Christie, } Engineers.

Trichinopoly.

Mr. D. Horgan, Uncovenanted Assistant.

Central office of P. W.
Fort Saint George, 25th May 1857.

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

No. 23. ORDER THEREON, No. 1066; dated 4th June 1857.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council approves of the recommendation made by the Chief Engineer in para. 3 of the above letter, that all the Officers in the Department of Public Works who have not yet qualified in the Vernacular languages, shall be examined in the month of August next, whether they are prepared to pass finally or not, in order that the amount of the progress actually made by them may be ascertained. He is pleased therefore to nominate the Collectors and Judges at the several stations noted in the margin to be members of Committees at those stations for the purpose of examining at the above named period, the Officers named in the list accompanying the Chief Engineer's letter, and of reporting on the progress made by each.

Bellary.
North Arcot.—Chittoor.
Tinnevelly.
Coimbatore.
Guntoor (for the examination of the Officer of the Kistnah Division.)
South Arcot.—Cuddalore.
Rajahmundry (for the examination of the Officer of the Godavery Division.)
Salem.
Cuddapah.
Tanjore—Combaconum.
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Madras.

2. As Combaconum is not within the Collector's Division, the Sub Collector will, in Tanjore, take the Collector's place, and as the Judge and Collector of Chingleput reside at different stations the examination of the Officers of the E. C. Canal will be held before the Collectors of Chingleput and Madras.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No 624

letter

Central Office of Public Works

From

The Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government

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To 9/1857/58
dy 4th May/57.

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of the Officers in each District who are liable to be examined under the orders of 27th Jan 1857 on the 6th August next and to solicit that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will be pleased to direct that Committees may be appointed at the Naval Stations for the purpose of examining all the Officers enumerated in the List and of reporting what progress has been actually made by each Candidate

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
Fort Lord Georges
25th May 1857
Adl Hyder Lieutenant
Chief Engineer

Govt. Litho. Press of Central Office, D. P. W.

Fort Saint George, Madras, 4th May, 1857.-

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To*

No. II / 70 of 1857/58

Sir,

With reference to the concluding portion of para. 11 of G. O. G. of 3rd February, 1857, wherein it is stated that His Lordship in Council does not deem it necessary to state more than that the penalty of exclusion will be rigidly enforced against all Officers now in the Department, who, at the expiration of one year, may not have qualified themselves in a Vernacular language to the extent laid down by the Board of Examiners in the Rules published in the Fort St. George Gazette of the 8th August last, I do myself the honor to request, that, at your earliest convenience, you will have the goodness to let me know, at what time, and in what language you will be prepared to be examined, so as to escape the penalty of non-qualification.-

2. The latest possible period to which by the most indulgent construction of the orders of Govt. it appears practicable to postpone your examination, is one year from the date on which the standard of vernacular attainment was defined by a public notification in the Fort Saint George Gazette, for general information.-

3. The date thus attained is the 8th of August/57, on or before which, it is indispensable that you should have passed to the satisfaction of the Examiners.-

4. Inasmuch as you were already employed in the D. P. W. for some considerable period before the publication of the standard, you will, by the foregoing interpretation of the rule, have enjoyed not only a full year for preparing yourself, but the further advantage of such vernacular studies as you may have pursued antecedently to the 8th of August, 1856.- In cases however, when it can be shewn, that actual nomination to the Department took place subsequently to the publication of the Board of Examiners, one year

To Lieut Fisher
" " Mayne
" " Oakes
" W Fraser Esq
" J A Boppingh Esq
" F. Monerieff
" R. Kennedy
" Lieut Beckley
" Capt Davis
" Mr. F Smith
" " R. Smith
" Lieut Christie
" " Tulloch
" " Hamond
" " Faid
" Mr. O'Hara
" J Geoge Esq
" Lt. Prendergast
" " Moore
" " Boyd
" J Byers Esq
" E. Merrall Esq.
" W. Forgan
" " Lage
" C P Lirk Esq
" J Rundall Esq
" F.A Hawkins Esq
" E Leggatt Esq.
" R. Leggatt Esq.
" R. E Norfork Esq
" G. Powell Esq.

Copy to Lieut Fisher
Fort St. George,
4th May 1857.

Sir,

I have the Chief Engineer's
& Secretary's Pro. of 27th Ult.
Called 23rd
Rep. 26th Rep. 15th
2 Encls:

Recd 24th

P.C.R. 1066. 4 encls

Encloses with reference to
Govt. Order of 3rd Feby. 57 Para 11
that the option which was left
to Officers in the Department
of the Examination should be limited
to one year from the date
of the Govt. Order, and that
after the 8th August 57 no
Officer will be allowed the benefit
of time and attempt the Examination
again, & therefore requires to
know if you intend to avail
yourself of the extra time
granted by the above
Order, & if so, you are
to pass the Examination
before the 8th August 57
failing which you will be
struck off the List.

Capt Green

Recd 27th Inst

year from the date of full appointment, will fix that for the prescribed examination.

5. I beg leave to transcribe my former appeal to you on this subject, No. 8758, of the 11th Dec. last, which was as follows:

"As I have not either noticed your examination in any language of the country, or heard of any steps having been taken by you, towards avoiding the penalty of not passing within a stated, and now a by no means lengthened, period, I beg leave to earnestly call your attention to the absolute necessity of your attaining the standard prescribed in the Notification published in the Fort St. George Gazette of the 8th Aug. last.

2. "I also subjoin, for your information, an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, No. 1003, under date the 3rd July, 1856.

Para. 2. "The note attached to the rules proposes that the prescribed examination shall be passed within one year from date of appointment to the Department. Unpassed Officers now in the Department will be required to pass within twelve months from the date of the Notification, failing which, they will be returned to their Regiments. To this end, the Chief Engineer will be directed to furnish immediately a list of all unpassed Officers in the Department, and a second list at the end of the period allowed, showing those who have not passed in the interval."

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servant,
Col. Lt. Col. & Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

1857 Sept 10

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Enclosure in a letter from

The Chief Engineer

To the Sec to Govt PWD

Dated 25th } May 1857.
Rec'd }

P.W.D. 1857/559

Copy of Chief Engineers Cypher No 76 dated 4 May 1857.

(No 2)

List of officers in each District, who are liable to be examined in the Vernacular languages on the 8th August 1857.

Bellary

Lieut Fisher ... District Engineer
" Campbell
J. Powell Esq. ... Asst.

North Arcot

Lieut. Mayne ... Dy. Engr.
J. F. Dolphin Esq. Lr. Gd. C.
Capt. Barber

Tinnevelly

Lieut Oakes ... Dy. Engr.
Lieut Fasted

Coimbatore

W. Fraser Esq. Lr. Gd. C.

Kistnah Division

F. Moncreiff Esq. Lr. Gd. C.
Lieut. Tulloch
E. E. Merrall Esq. Lr. Gd. C.
Mr. G. S. Lyell Asst. Supt.

E. C. Canal

R. Kennedy Esq.

South Arcot

B. T. Taylor Esq. Asst.

Godavery Division

Mr. R. Smith Asst. Supt.
" F. B. Smith Do.
Lieut Hamond
" Prendergast (on foreign service)
J. Biggs Esq. Lr. Gd. C.

Salem

Lieut. Beckley Engr.

Cuddapah

J. Georges Esq. Asst.

Tanjore

Lieut. Moore 4 Engr.
" Chrystie 4 Engr.

Trichinopoly

Mr. D. Hogan Asst. Supt.

Central Office of PW
Fort Saint George 25 May 1857

Colonel
Chief Engineer

Encl. No 2.

No 1065 15/4 P.W.D.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 4th June 1857.

Read the following
Letter from the Chief Engineer

/ Here enter 25th May 1857 No 624 /

The Right Honble
the Governor in Council appro-
proves of the recommendation
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1857 despatch

Enclosures in a letter.
From
The Chief Engr.
To
The Secy to Govt Pub. Wks Dept.
Dated 23rd May 1857.
No. 624

P.W. 1057/57
List of Officers in each District who are liable to be examined in the Vernacular Languages on the 1st August 1857.

Secy to Govt
Pub. Wks Dept.
No 1065

He is pleased therefore to nominate the Collectors and Judges at the several stations noted in the margin to be Members of Committees at those stations for the purpose of examining at the above named period the Officers named in the list accompanying the Chief Engineers letter and of reporting on the progress made by each ~~candidate~~ on their Examination.

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North Arcot. Chittoor
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Salem.
Cuddapah
Tanjore - Combaconum.
Trichinopoly.
Chingleput (for the examination of the Officers on the E.C. Canal.
Nellore
N.B. Another more convenient Arrangement than the Chingleput Committee might be made. The Judge of Nellore & Chittoor Districts could be sent to Madras for the purpose of examining the Officers on the E.C. Canal.

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J. J.

20 Copies to the Chief Engr. Offr.

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To the Colrs of Bellary
North Arcot
Tinnevelly
Coimbatore
Guntoor
South Arcot
Rajahmundry
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Tanjore
Trichinopoly
Chingleput
Madras
Colr of Tanjore

To Judges of Bellary
Chittoor
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Public Works. 1857 Deptt.
Dr. to Cons: 9th June.

No 1066.

Extract Mins of Cons:
Dd 4th June 57.
R. Or. C. 26 Aug 57.
No. 1644.

Approving of the recommendations of the Chief Engineer that all officers in the Deptt of Public Works who have not yet qualified in the vernacular languages shall be examined in the month of August next and nominating the Collrs and Judges therein noted to be members of Committees for conducting the examinations at several stations.

No 2203.