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**Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
4th November 1862.**

No. 75. Read the following letter from Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Chief Engineer, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 23rd October 1862, No. 3,808 :—

Sir,

1. In reply to the Proceedings of Government No. 2,467, dated 15th October 1862, I have the honor to state that although I agree with Colonel Horsley, that the rules laid down in the Government Notification of the 6th August 1856, regarding the test of qualification in the vernacular to be passed by Officers seeking employment in the Public Works Department fully answers the purpose for which they were compiled, yet as it has been decided that there shall be but one test for Military Officers in Civil employ, I consider that the standard adverted to in paragraph 5 of the Proceedings of Government in the Public Department, No. 1,122, dated 23rd September 1862, may be adopted if arranged, as proposed, to relate to professional subjects, reports and accounts likely to come before an Officer in the course of his ordinary duty in the Public Works Department.

Rule X, page XI of Appendix  
No. III, Civil Auditor's  
Manual.

2. The test of qualification now required from Officers of this Department is laid down very clearly in the Government Notification of the 6th August 1856, and I would suggest that the arrangement which may be finally decided upon with reference to the views of the Board of Examiners and of Government embodied in the orders under reply, shall be as clearly explained in the Notification which I conclude will be issued on the subject.

3. It may be well for me to mention that under the Proceedings No. 2,030, dated 25th August 1859, of Government noted in the margin no Officer can be appointed to the Public Works Department, even as a temporary arrangement, until he has passed the prescribed examination in one of the vernaculars other than Hindustanee.

No. 76. ORDER THEREON, 4th November 1862, No. 2,643.

1. Communicated to the Public Department, with reference to the Proceedings of Government in that Department dated 23rd September 1862, No. 1,122.
2. The Government concur in the views of the Chief Engineer as contained in the foregoing letter so far as they relate to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,  
Secretary to Government.

Central Office of C. M.  
Chepauk No 23. Oct 62.

No 3808

From, Y. J. Birchwood R. E.,  
Colonel M. J. Birchwood R. E.,  
Chief Engineer S. P. M.  
To, The Secretary to Government  
P. M. S.

Public.

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I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your Most Obedt. Servt.  
W. H. Murray Colou<sup>r</sup> R. E.  
Chief Engineer.

