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

No. 85. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 25th March 1862, No. 1,103:—

Requesting the views of the several Departments, marginally noted, regarding the tests for their respective Departments in the form indicated in letter No 749, from the Government of India to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India. Sir Hope Grant will also forward the opinions of the Officers serving under his orders as to the tests required for Irregular Corps of Cavalry and Infantry. The papers will be forwarded to the Secretariats of the Civil Departments for their opinion for the tests for Civil employment.

(Vide Military Proceedings, 25th March 1862, Nos. 547-548.)

No. 86. ORDER THEREON, 4th April 1862, No. 676.

1. Communicated to the Chief Engineer with a request that he will submit his views relative to the tests to which Military Officers, who are Candidates for the Department Public Works, should be subjected before they are permanently appointed thereto.

2. The information required should be given in the form laid down in the letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army, No. 749, dated 24th February 1862.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William, 24th February 1862, No. 717; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

In transmitting for the information of the Government of Fort Saint George, an extract from the Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, Nos. 745-46 of this date, relative to the tests of their qualification for the various departments of Staff employ to which Military Officers who are Candidates for such departments should be subjected before they are permanently appointed to them, and also copy of a letter No. 749, this day addressed to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India, shewing the nature of the information which the Government of India desire to have before them, in order that these tests may be determined after the fullest consideration, I am directed to request that His Excellency the Governor in Council may be moved to cause similar inquiries to be made, and the opinions of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, of the heads of Departments, and any other Officers whom the Madras Government may think fit to consult, as to the tests for the different departments of Military Staff employ, to be submitted for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council in the form therein indicated.

2. It is also desirable that opinions should be given as to the tests for appointment to, and promotion in, Irregular Corps of Cavalry or Infantry.

Extract from the Proceedings of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, in the Military Department, under date the 24th February 1862, Nos. 745 & 746.

Extract from a Military letter from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, India Office, London, 18th January 1861, No. 27; to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council.

Paragraph 20. The selection of Officers for the Staff Corps will rest with the Governments in India. No Officer, however, should be admitted on probation without the consent of the Commander-in-Chief, and without a Certificate from the Commanding Officer of his Regiment, that he has efficiently performed his Regimental duty for the prescribed period. I desire that after communication with the Governments of Madras and Bombay, your Government will prepare a scheme of the tests and periods of probation suitable for the several Departments of Military and Civil Staff employment.

OBSERVATIONS.—His Excellency the Governor General in Council observes that the examinations which may be decided on to test the qualifications of Military Officers who are Candidates for the various Departments of Staff employ, should take place *after* a certain period of probation.

The best mode of collecting the information on which the necessary Rules should be drawn up, appears to His Excellency in Council to be to send a Circular to the most competent Authorities in each branch of Staff employment, asking for their opinions as to the nature and extent of the tests which may be desirable in each case, and as to the means and system of examination to be used.

The following Authorities might, His Excellency in Council believes, be most advantageously applied to,—the Governments of Fort Saint George and Bombay being also consulted.

As regards Political employ:—

The Honorable the Lieutenant-Governors of the North Western Provinces and of the Punjaub.

The Governor General's Agents in Central India and Rajpootana.

The Residents at Hyderabad and Baroda, and perhaps a few Officers of inferior rank.

As regards Civil employ.

The Honorable the Lieutenant Governors of Bengal, the North Western Provinces, and the Punjaub

All the Chief Commissioners, the Members of the Revenue Boards, and the Commissioners of Peshawur, and of the Cis and Trans-Sutledge Divisions.

As regards the Studs:—

The Superintendents, (late and present) and one or two of the Chief Officers of the Department.

And so on with the other branches.

The Circular should, His Excellency in Council further observes, be framed in the form of questions, so that the answers to it may come up in a ready classified form; and when these are received, it may possibly be advisable to put them before a Committee for report, and if necessary for the further pursuance of inquiry.

But His Excellency in Council doubts whether this will be found requisite; and he believes that no Committee that could be collected in Calcutta, would so easily or so satisfactorily frame a draft Code of Rules for tests, as would the Secretaries of the Foreign, Home and Military Departments, acting together, and having the answers to the Circular before them.

ORDERED that the above observations be communicated to the Foreign and Home Departments, with the request that the opinions as to tests for Political and Civil employments desired by His Excellency the Governor General in Council may be called for, and that when they are obtained, intimation may be given to the Military Department, in order that when the necessary information in the latter Department is also complete, arrangements may be made to carry out the wishes of Government, as above recorded.

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William, 24th February 1862, *No.* 749; *to the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.*

In transmitting for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Military Department, Nos. 745-46, of this date, relative to the tests of qualifications (other than in the Native languages, tests for the latter being separately considered) to which Candidates for the various Departments of Staff employ should be subjected before they are permanently appointed, I am directed to request that His Excellency may be moved to cause the opinions of the heads of the Departments of the Staff under the Commander-in-Chief's control, and of such other Officers as His Excellency may desire to consult, to be obtained and submitted to Government as early as convenient, through your Department, and in the form to be presently noticed; the opinions on each Department being given separately.

2. The heads of the Departments noted in the margin, will be called upon for their opinions direct by this Office, and the Governments of Fort Saint George and Bombay will also be requested to obtain the opinions of Their Excellencies the Commanders-in-Chief, and the Departmental and other Officers in those Presidencies, whom they may think fit to consult.

Clothing.
Commissariat.
Stud.
Ordnance.
Military Finance.
Surveyor General.
Superintendent Great Trigonometrical Survey.

3. In order that the information (which should be given in as concise a form as possible,) may be submitted in a ready classified form, as far as the nature of the case will admit, I am to request that it may be recorded in the shape of answers to the following questions:—

1st. What period of probation should be required?—This the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council is of opinion should *precede* the examination noticed below.

2nd. What should be the nature (subjects) of examinations, and what the degree of proficiency in them to be required?

3rd. By what mode of examination could this proficiency be best ascertained?

4th. Who should be the Examiners?

5th. What arrangements could be made to afford sufficient facilities to Officers for being examined, and yet ensure as far as possible, equality of standard in the examinations?

6th. What arrangements should be made to afford Candidates opportunities of attaining the knowledge required from them?

4. His Lordship in Council would be glad if the views of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, as to the tests for admission to the Departments referred to in paragraph 1, as well as those alluded to in letter from this Department, No. 827, dated 25th ultimo, could be conveniently communicated in the same form.

5. The accompanying letter from the Judge Advocate General, No. 384, dated 23rd May 1861, in reply to an inquiry made at the request of the Amalgamation Commission, conveyed that Officer's opinion as to the tests for his Department.

Its return with your reply is requested.

6 I am to take this opportunity of remarking that the Government will be glad to be favored with His Excellency's views on the tests for Irregular Corps, as promised in the last paragraph of your Despatch No. 20 A, of the 8th instant.

ORDER, No. 1103, *25th March* 1862.

Communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and to the heads of the Military Departments specified in the margin, with the request that they will submit to Government their views as to the tests for their respective Departments in the form indicated in the letter No. 749, from the Government of India to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India.

Barrack.
Clothing.
Commissariat.
Engineer.
Ordnance.
Remount.

2. Sir Hope Grant will be good enough to obtain and forward the opinions of such Officers serving under His Excellency's orders as he may consider specially qualified to report on the subject, and is also requested to favor Government with his opinion as to the tests for appointment to, and promotion in, Irregular Corps of Cavalry and Infantry.

3. The papers will also be forwarded to the Civil Departments of the Secretariat, for the opinions of heads of Departments and such individual Officers as Government may see fit to consult as to the tests for Civil employment.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General.
„ Quarter Master General.
„ Barrack Master.
„ Clothing Department.
„ Commissary General.
„ Controller of Military Finance.
„ Inspector General of Ordnance.
„ Remount Agent Oossoor.
„ Public Department.
„ Judicial Department.
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„ Public Works Department.

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